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## WAR ON CHIANG

### INSURGENTS MARCH ON CANTON

### PANIC IN THE CITY

Transport Fired On Near Ichang

### KWANGSI'S DISAFFECTEDS

News of the new situation in China is more ominous, in spite of an assertion that Nanking Government circles are showing no perturbation.

The gravity of the position is indicated by the report that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is taking strong steps for the safety of Canton, on which, it is alleged, the insurgents are moving.

It is also stated that the Ironsides are marching to Kwangsi to join up with the disaffected Generals there.

### SEMI-OFFICIAL REPORTS

Shanghai, To-day.

The present internal situation in China, as far as can be gathered from semi-official reports, is as follows:—

Matters had been brewing for some time and came to a head on September 17 when the 4th Division of the National Army (the Ironsides) under General Chang Fa-



General Chang Fa-kuei, the commander of the Cantonese Ironsides.

kuei refused to obey an order of the National Government to move from Ichang (a port on the Upper Yangtze River) up to Shantung province and so it is reported, is marching towards Kwangsi province to join up the disaffected faction there, headed by the Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, General Yu Tsok-pak.

Simultaneously, a telegram purporting to have been signed by Chang Fa-kuei and other Generals was circulated all over China, denouncing the negotiation of Dr. C. T. Wang (the Foreign Minister) with some of the Powers for a Disarmament Loan, and alleging that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek (in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief) is insisting on the disbandment of units commanded by others without disbanding his own.

The attitude of General Yen Hsi-shan and General Feng Yu-shiang (the "Christian General") in the North is obscure, but opinion generally expressed in Nanking, the national capital, is that, although they are unfriendly to the administration in Nanking, they are likely to continue to pursue their policy of procrastination.

Meanwhile Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is moving troops, guns, and aeroplanes up the Yangtze to deal with the Ironsides.

One transport is stated to have been fired on by the Ironsides on shore, 20 miles from Ichang; and it is also said that 30 of Chiang Kai-shek's men were wounded, and that the steamer is reported to have turned down-river, for Hankow, which is held by one of Chiang Kai-shek's supporters.

At the same time, Chiang Kai-shek is taking strong steps for the safety of Canton (see footnote) on which insurgents are reported to have been converging, thereby causing panic in the city.

Nanking itself was startled on September 22 by news that a strong

guard had been thrown around the residence of General Fang Chen-wu (Chairman of the Anhui Provincial Government) by order, of course, of the National Government; but, later, it was learned that General Fang had escaped.

On September 23, Chiang Kai-shek brought into Nanking a trusted division of troops from Hsuehufu (a railway junction in the North) to garrison the capital.

That tension exists in Nanking is shown by the fact that the main roads and the vicinity of the Central Headquarters of the Nationalist Party were on the afternoon of September 24 picketed at every 50 yards by soldiers with revolvers in their hands, with others armed with automatic pistols, ready for action. Nevertheless Government circles are not showing any sign of perturbation yet.

As far as is known in Hong Kong, the Ironsides are not attempting a junction with Kwangsi because they are sorely pressed through one brigade standing for Chiang Kai-shek and neighbouring units losing heart and deserting the cause. Conditions akin to martial law have existed in Canton at various hours on several nights but the precautions are against Communists and agitators and not because of fear, yet, of an actual military attack by a factor (a) desiring Canton merely for possession or (b) acting in opposition to the Canton leaders because the latter are subservient to Chiang Kai-shek.

### Significant Resignation

A report from Nanking states that General Ho Ying-ching, formerly Chief of Staff to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and later Inspector-General of military training, has resigned all his posts.—Reuter.

### MR. SUN FO

RAILWAY MINISTER'S BUSY DAY IN COLONY

### NO MESSAGE FOR CHINESE

Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Railways, who arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. "President Jefferson" from Shanghai, spent a very busy day in attending to a stream of interviewers, friends, and admirers, who called at the Peninsula Hotel, where he was staying. Numerous baskets of exquisite flowers were sent up to his room and to Mrs. Sun Fo during the day, each bearing a card inscribed with words of congratulation.

In the evening, Mr. Sun Fo, his mother, wife, sister, and brother-in-law were entertained at dinner by a party of friends at the South China Restaurant, Queen's-road, among them being Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital. The party left the restaurant shortly after 10 o'clock, returning to the Peninsula Hotel.

Mr. Sun Fo immediately retired to rest, and gave instructions that he would be seen by nobody. He stated that he was not in a position at the present moment to send a message to the Chinese community of Hong Kong.

Mr. and Mrs. Sun Fo left Hong Kong at 7 a.m. to-day, and are proceeding to Macao, on their way to Shekhi where Mr. Sun's mother resides.

### RAJPUTS AT LAW

MAHOMMEDANS CALLED AS WITNESSES

MANY QUESTIONS ASKED

A loan of \$50 alleged to have been made just over a year ago formed the basis of contention between two Rajputs (Indians) in the Supreme Court (Summary Jurisdiction) this morning.

One of them, the plaintiff, called three Mahomedans as witnesses. Defendant, who vigorously cross-examined each witness for the opposing side and repeatedly struck a wooden rail with an Indian calendar, relied on two other Rajputs to corroborate his version of the dispute.

### Police-men's Evidence

Bansi Ram said that he lent Devi Singh \$50 in the shop of Abbas Khan & Co. in Hollywood-road, which was opened many years ago. He called the manager of the shop, who said he witnessed the handing over of the money. Lance-Sergeant Charanjit Din of the Royal Naval Dockyard Police, who said that he heard plaintiff asking for repayment and defendant putting him off; and Sergeant-Major Niyamat Khan, of the Police, who said he heard the parties quarrel in front of King's Building about the loan and warned them that he might have to arrest them for causing trouble.

In his cross-examination, defendant put it to plaintiff that he (defendant) was employed as a ship's guard on the s.s. "Chuenchow" on September 2 last year (the date of the loan), that it was a Sunday, and that on Sundays his ship invariably tied up at Macao. Defendant also alleged that the manager had asked him to carry certain rations to Macao and that he had refused to comply, thereby incurring the witness's displeasure.

### Quarrel and Fight

Giving evidence, defendant said that plaintiff came to his shop in April this year and tried to procure a tin of ghee at \$17.50 on credit. He, defendant, did not give credit. Continuing, he said that plaintiff retorted "You are a watchman; now you have become a shopkeeper, whereupon he had told plaintiff that he must not say such things. The quarrel developed into a fight; hence the enmity and the claim which he, defendant, maintained was false.

Two Rajput watchmen said that they were in defendant's shop at the time, eating sweetmeats which they had purchased there, and that they invited plaintiff, when he arrived, to join in. Plaintiff refused and asked for a tin of ghee on credit. The quarrel and fight ensued and they, the witnesses, separated the parties.

The Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Wood), giving judgment for plaintiff, announced that he believed plaintiff's case to be true, and that he rejected the evidence given for defendant.

### GERMAN AMITY

LONG MOOTED ASSOCIATION FORMED

FOR CLOSER UNDERSTANDING

Berlin, Yesterday.

The long mooted Anglo-German Association has been definitely formed. The President of the British branch is Lord Reading, and the President of the German branch is ex-Chancellor Cuno.

The Association aims at promoting Anglo-German friendship and a closer understanding. Representative Committees will be established in both countries, these to include members of all political parties.—Reuter.

### MARINE COURT

SEVEN FISHING BOAT MASTERS CHARGED

FINED \$5 EACH

Seven masters of fishing boats were this morning charged at the Marine Court before Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired) for not having proper shades affixed to their bright lights, which are used for the purpose of attracting fish.

They all pleaded "guilty" to the charge, and were fined \$5 each.

### HAUL FROM SAFE

Li Wai-yun, a licensed Government opium dealer of No. 583, Queen's-road West, has reported to the Police that between midnight and 7.20 a.m., yesterday, a locked safe in the accountant's office was opened by means of a duplicate key and \$750 in notes and opium worth \$20 stolen therefrom. He suspects an inmate of the house, who is alleged to have absconded.

### FALL FROM THEATRE ROOF

As a result of a fall from the roof of the Peking Theatre where he was engaged on some repair work, a contractor's workman was fatally injured yesterday. He was taken to the Kowloon Hospital in a very critical condition at 12.45 p.m., and died at 3 o'clock.

### "BOTNIA" CAPTAIN'S GRIM TALE

PIRATE BRUTALITY

"TRIED TO KILL ME WITH A LARGE STONE"

A DASH FOR LIBERTY

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Captain Haaland, of the s.s. "Botnia," in the course of a personal statement telegraphed to Reuter from Pampu, states that the pirates with their captives left the junk at night on September 17, and proceeded inland over the hills, reaching a house on the mountain-side at 3 a.m. on September 18. After an hour, a rescue party of soldiers surrounded the house. The pirates attempted to escape up the mountain, taking the captives with them.

"Exhausted, I lagged behind with one pirate, who, fearing to shoot on account of the pursuing soldiers, tried to kill me with a large stone, leaving me for dead. Reviving, I crept back to the house and at about daylight was taken by soldiers to the Magistrates at the Yamen, at Pampu."—Reuter.

[While the Norwegian freighter "Botnia" was stranded on a sand bar near Haichow, pirates removed her captain and officers and are holding them for \$500,000 Mexican ransom.]

The pirates removed from the ship Captain A. Haaland, First Mate H. Westerheim and five Chinese members of the ship's accounting staff.

Captain Haaland of the Norwegian steamer "Botnia," escaped alone from the bandits and reached the Pampu port of Haichow.]

### A RICH CONCUBINE

DIES INTIMATE, LEAVING \$24,200

HUSBAND DELAYS AND PAYS

Because he delayed to take the proper steps on the death of his concubine, Yue Pui-ling, a merchant of Canton with a temporary address at No. 78, Connaught-road Central, Hong Kong, has had to pay treble rate to the local Estate Duty Commissioner, that is, nine per cent, instead of three per cent.

The concubine (Yue To Shi, alias To Man) died intestate on April 5, 1926, at the family's Canton address, No. 16, Luen On-street, Honam. She is survived by her husband, the hit fat wife, a son by the hit fat, and a grandson. She was 49 years of age when she died.

Her husband states that he did not know it was necessary to apply for letters of administration to his concubine's estate; hence the delay. Same has now been granted by the Probate Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. He is now 62 years of age. The estate in Hong Kong has been valued at under \$24,200.

### MARKET FIGHT

DISPUTE OVER THE PRICE OF FISH

A fight occurred in the Yaumati Market yesterday afternoon, between a Cantonese fishmonger and a Hakka customer, which resulted in the latter receiving a rather bad cut over the left eye. He was sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment, but was not detained.

Both appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Divisional Inspector R. A. Marks stated that the complainant bargained with the accused over some fish, which was priced at 30 cents. Complainant was only willing to pay 20 cents, and for this reason accused took a short plank of wood and hit him.

Accused was fined \$5 or seven days' hard labour.

FINED \$1,920

A fine of \$1,920, with the alternative of eight months' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on Chan Sze, a married Chinese woman, for the unlawful possession of 62 taels of raw opium.

The opium was found in a blue check cloth jacket with three pockets (specially made for the purpose) which she wore when she alighted from the Sun Chun train at 6.45 last night at Kowloon Canton Railway Station.

### BACK TO BLIGHTY

RHINELAND ARMIES LEAVE AMID CHEERS

AMAZING SCENES

Wiesbaden, Yesterday. To the accompaniment of such tunes as "Pack up your Troubles," and "Auld Lang Syne," played by the regimental band, the first unit of the British Rhine Army to follow the advance party back to "Blighty," namely the 2nd Bath, Leicesters, entrained at Koenigstein in the soaking rain.

There were amazing scenes of farewell. Civilians crowded the doorways, windows, and streets to the station, where thousands under a sea of umbrellas cheered the soldiers, who responded by singing "Auld Lang Syne."—Reuter.

### BERLIN BANKERS

STEPS TO IMPROVE STOCK EXCHANGE

CONDITION DISQUIETING

Berlin, Yesterday.

The leading banks in Berlin have agreed to convene a bankers' meeting to discuss steps to improve the condition of the Berlin Stock Exchange, the unsatisfactoriness of which recently was disquieting.—Reuter.

### FAIR WEATHER

This morning's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:

Pressure continues highest to the north of Hokkaido and is relatively low to the east of the Philippines.

Forecast:—East winds, moderate; fair.

### MYCOLOGY

CONFERENCE OPENED IN LONDON

MARKETING BOARD GRANT

London, Yesterday.

Opening the Imperial Mycological Conference in London to-day, the Earl of Buxton paid a tribute to the work of the Bureau of Mycology, and announced that the Empire Marketing Board was granting \$5,000 towards the \$12,000 cost of the new mycological building being erected at Kew.—Reuter.

### MARRIAGE BILL

NO GIRL TO MARRY UNDER 14

HEAVY PENALTY

Simla, Yesterday.

The Assembly by 67 votes to 14, passed a child Marriage Bill, providing a month's simple imprisonment for anyone solemnising the marriage of girls below the age of 14, and boys below 18.—Reuter.

### 1929 rainfall

average . . . . . 73.96 inches

Deficit . . . . . 10.88 inches

### STEAMER ON FIRE

CATCHES ALIGHT IN INDIAN OCEAN

CREW RESCUED

Perth, Australia, Yesterday.

A wireless message from the steamer "Sihon Hall," bound for Adelaide from Immingham, states that she caught fire in the Indian Ocean, 2,000 miles from Perth. The crew were taken off by lifeboats.—Reuter.

### SOVIET PLANE

UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER PREVENT FLIGHT

STILL AT ATTU

Seattle, Later.

It is now learned that the "Land of the Soviets" is still at Attu, the weather being unfavourable to flying.—Reuter's American Service.

### OPIUM IN VICTORIA BARRACKS

COMPLICATIONS

70 SMALL OPIUM POTS

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, this morning, Revenue Officer Grimmitt charged a Chinese messenger employed at Victoria Barracks with the unlawful possession of 1.4 taels of prepared non-Government opium at the barracks on the night of September 17—18.

Accused pleaded "not guilty."

Mr. Grimmitt said that although the opium was seized by the Military on Wednesday last, the Revenue Department was not informed until Saturday. At about 12.30 on Saturday a telephone message was received at the Revenue Office from Victoria Barracks, as the result of which he went there.

Witness was taken into the office of Capt. C. A. de Linde, R.A., Staff Captain, where the latter handed over to him a tray on which were about 70 small opium pots. About 60 of these contained opium, whilst the others were empty.

Witness was informed by Corporal Blakeborough that he had caught the accused with two or three others with the opium. Accused was pouring the opium into the small jars from a larger one. Then witness was taken to the messengers' quarters where he saw the accused, who said that the opium belonged to another messenger named Mak Fat.

He (Mr. Grimmitt) placed accused under arrest, and having ascertained that Mak Fat had been sent with a message to the Shamshupo camp, he telephoned there to have the man detained, but Mak Fat was never caught, he having absconded.

Pass Taken Away

The Magistrate inquired from Capt. de Linde, who was in Court, as to what steps were taken to place Mak Fat under arrest, and the latter said that his pass was taken away from him and when he finally turned the case over to Mr. Grimmitt he left the thing entirely to the latter.

Mr. Grimmitt informed the Magistrate that subsequently he was informed that 18 Chinese had been detained at Shamshupo camp, but he said that he did not want them all. He only wanted Mak Fat. When he was told that Mak Fat was not amongst the detained men, he asked that they be all released.

Corporal Blakeborough, in the witness box, said that he found the opium at about midnight on the night of Tuesday and Wednesday last. It was being poured by the accused from a large glass jar to the small opium pots. He took away the passes of accused and two other men who were in the messengers' quarters. Mak Fat was one of the three. Then witness turned the opium over to the Staff Captain.

Not of Importance

Asked by the Magistrate why he did not telephone to the Police right away witness said that he did not think it of sufficient importance, having already brought the matter to the notice of Capt. de Linde. Replying to another question, witness said that subsequently both accused and Mak Fat were allowed out of barracks with messages. Accused returned, but Mak Fat absconded.

Capt. de Linde said that he had been in Hong Kong for only six months and was appointed Staff Captain only about a fortnight ago. He confessed that he was not conversant with local opium regulations and therefore did not take any action before consulting other Staff Officers. At the time the opium was turned over to him, he was more concerned with the fact that it affected the messengers' work than anything else. Up to Saturday he could not get any definite advice as to what to do, so he telephoned to the C.S.O., and Mr. Wynne-Jones told him that it was a case for the Court and he should get in touch with either the Police or the Revenue Department. Witness then

### TIRED OF LIFE?

PLUCKY RESCUE OF DROWNING GIRL

CALLS FOR HELP

A plucky rescue from drowning occurred on the Kai Tak Bund last night.

According to a Police report issued this morning, a Chinese girl named Tsang Siu-ying (19) living at No. 12, Szema-terrace, was alleged to have attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour from the Kai Tak Bund at about 10.30 p.m.

As soon as she had entered the water the shock brought her to her senses and she called out for help. In spite of the fact that it was rather dark at the time, several willing helpers went to her assistance.

These included Mr. Edward and Mr. William Shea, both of No. 27, Kai Tak Bund, Mr. Chan of No. 28, Kai Tak Bund, and Mr. Lee Kwong, of No. 50, Cheung On Street, who was passing the spot at the time. Between the four of them they managed to locate the girl and bring her back to shore in an unconscious condition, she having sunk twice before the rescuers could reach her.

On the band artificial respiration was applied by Chinese Detective Sergeant Lo Kee and Chinese Detective Constable So Hung. They worked for a long time on the girl without any apparent success. Then someone summoned Dr. Au Sze-chen who gave the girl a dose of strychnine. Respiration was resumed by the girl soon after and then she was rushed off to the Kwang Wah Hospital.

### Overdose of Opium

A Chinese named Wong Shui-shung (19), attempted to commit suicide last night by swallowing an overdose of opium at the Tai Ming boarding house, Connaught-road Central. The Police removed him to the Government Civil Hospital.

ordered that the Revenue Department be communicated with.

### A Risk Taken

The Magistrate remarked that by the delay a risk had been taken which resulted in Mak Fat absconding. He suggested that in future the executive officer at Military Headquarters should make himself acquainted with the appearance of a Government opium pot so that he could immediately decide what to do should another case of this description crop up.

Capt. de Linde promised to do so. Accused said that Mak Fat admitted the ownership of the opium to his (accused's) wife and said that he was sorry for him, but he did not dare come to Court!

The Magistrate was of the opinion that the three men were joint owners of the opium for their own consumption and had probably tossed up to see who should bear the brunt of it. He could find the accused \$112 (ten times the value of the opium), but he thought that he should be made to pay for a quarter of the opium only, therefore the fine would be \$25, or one month.

### A Point for the Military

With regard to the Magistrate's remark that the opium was probably for the messengers' own consumption, Mr. Grimmitt said that as the accused were in barracks where Revenue Officers could not enter to search, it was an easy thing for Chinese employees in barracks to prepare illicit opium for owners of outside divans. He suggested that that point was worthy of the consideration of the Military authorities.

Capt. de Linde said that they did not want their Chinese servants to have this advantage and steps would be taken in future to prevent this.

### JUNK MASTER CHARGED

Fine of \$2,000 or 12 Months

The master of a trading junk plying between Wuchow and Hong Kong, was this morning charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, on three counts, as follows:—

(1) unlawful possession on board the junk of 2,250 taels of raw non-Government opium;  
(2) unlawful possession on board the junk of 50 taels of prepared non-Government opium; and  
(3) unlawfully allowing the junk to be used for importing the opium to Hong Kong.

### The Defence

Mr. Horace Lo, who appeared for the defence, entered a plea of

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## HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:

Island	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
St. Peter's	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Yee	1723
Peak Hotel	1805
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Herbada)	297

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## OUR NEXT TEN YEARS

## Will Kowloon Be Bigger Than Hong Kong?

## THE GOVERNOR'S PROPHECY

## \$20,000,000 In Major Public Works To Be Spent

Much of importance was divulged during the semi-formal proceedings "in Committee" during yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, when the Budget debate was resumed after last Thursday's adjournment.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) gave it as his opinion that Kowloon's population will exceed that of Hong Kong Island in ten years. Accordingly, in spite of opposition by Unofficial members, His Excellency insisted on expenditure of about \$330,000 on what has been wrongly called "the Saikung Road."

## "A PEAK" ON THE OTHER SIDE

This is really from Kowloon to Ma-yau-tong and is the first step towards providing the Peninsula with "a Peak" district. The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga voted with the Government and the opposition's motion was defeated by 10 votes to 7.

The Government gave an undertaking that charges for water will not be increased until a full supply is available. Within the next few years, \$10,000,000 will have to be laid out on water-works. Then, within ten years or so, another \$10,000,000 will have to be spent on major undertakings, about half going towards a new Government Civil Hospital, and the other half to a new Prison.

There was a full attendance. The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., as senior Unofficial member, raised a number of queries but, with the exception of the Ma-yau-tong road, an issue was avoided through compromise. His Excellency said that he would very deeply regret the commencement of the proposed local Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve with the unofficial opposition of the Unofficials. Speeches by Unofficial Members, in reply to Unofficials' criticisms of Thursday, were delivered as follows:

## Dr. Wellington

GOVT. CIVIL HOSPITAL AND ITS STAFF

The Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services said:

Sir,—With reference to the observations made by the Honourable Unofficial Members in connection with the Budget I have the honour to reply in so far as the Medical and Sanitary questions are concerned.

The shortcoming of the Government Civil Hospital and the need for a new institution have not been overlooked but pressure of other urgent matters have prevented my examining in detail all the many important factors which have a bearing on the subject and which must be considered before a final decision can be made. The Public Works Department and the Medical Department are working in close co-operation and there is every reason to believe that final recommendations will shortly be submitted.

With regard to the medical staff at the Government Civil Hospital there are now two resident Medical Officers, one European and one Chinese. In addition there is one Chinese Medical Officer who is not resident.

Mental Hospital

With regard to the Mental Hospital this institution is intended primarily as a place for temporary detention and observation and not as a permanent abode for the insane. Arrangements have been made with the Government of Canton for the reception and treatment of mental patients of Chinese nationality. European patients are sent to Europe at the earliest opportunity.

Chinese Probationer Nurses

Twenty-seven Chinese Probationer Nurses are now undergoing training at the Government Civil Hospital. A Nursing Sister who has knowledge of the Chinese language and experience in teaching Chinese Nurses is at present in England undergoing a special course in order that she may fill the post of Tutor Sister. Provision has been made to add three more nurses to the establishment in 1930. It is proposed to further increase the number training when the Tutor Sister has returned and when house accommodation is available.

Travelling Dispensaries

Travelling Dispensaries in the Federated Malay States fulfil a very useful purpose and it is probable that one would be of value in the New Territory. This proposal will be considered by

Government in connection with the 1931 estimates.

## Venereal Clinics

A Venereal Clinic has been in existence at the Government Civil Hospital for more than a year. Experience has shown that Venereal Clinics serve their purpose best when they are run in connection with hospitals or general dispensaries and not as separate units. It is hoped to make further provision for venereal treatment in the near future when more staff will be available.

## Government Dentist

It is intended that the Government Dentist shall devote his services primarily to those officers whose salaries are below \$400 a year and who are entitled to free medical treatment. It is hoped it may be possible to arrange for attention being given to school children and to prisoners who require service which cannot be performed by the Gaol Medical Officer.

## Malaria

With regard to malaria prevention negotiations are proceeding for the transfer to this Colony from the Federated Malay States of an experienced Malariaologist and a skilled assistant. These officers will form the nucleus of an anti-malaria organisation which will be built up from local material and which will investigate, advise, and in some cases execute the measures necessary for anopheline eradication.

An anopheline survey has been completed at Stanley and an investigation is being conducted at Repulse Bay. The observations so far made appear to indicate that the problems here are very much the same as those in the Federated Malay States and there is every reason to believe that the measures which have proved effective there will be successful here.

Hygiene and Preventive Medicine

I entirely agree with the view that "the importance of adequate training in hygiene and preventive medicine can hardly be over-stated." One of the greatest needs of the Colony in this line is a school for instruction of Sanitary Inspectors such as exists at Singapore. At present the Health Staff is insufficient to allow of the proper conduct of such an institution but with the advent of additional Health Officers this difficulty will disappear and it will then be possible to arrange for its establishment.

## Board of Health

With regard to the suggestion that a Board of Health be formed I have in my recommendations for re-organisation of the Medical and Sanitary Services included a proposal for the formation of a Public Health Advisory Board. This proposal is now under consideration by Government.

## Schools of Research

With regard to the question of contributions to schools for research in tropical diseases, the subject should be examined under two headings, namely, pure research and applied research. Pure research can perhaps be more economically carried out in laboratories in Europe; but applied research, that is, research applied to our own particular problems can only be properly carried out here—and should form part of the duties of local laboratory workers.

## Education of Public

On the subject of lectures in sanitation, hygiene and anti-malaria methods, it is hoped ultimately to establish a properly staffed propaganda section which will take the necessary action to spread instruction through lectures, posters, pamphlets, lantern and cinema shows and through the Press. The Sanitary Board has recently approved a proposal to issue pictorial posters showing the harm done by insanitary premises which posters were prepared at the suggestion of Dr.

Fawcett, Medical Officer of Health.

## Preventive Side

The Hon. senior Chinese Member, Sir Shou-sun Chow, in approving the development of the preventive side of the Medical Department expressed the wish that that policy may be carried out in a liberal and sympathetic spirit and with the regard to the susceptibilities of the people.

Recognising that the co-operation of the people is a factor of the utmost importance in matters of public health, every endeavour will be made to secure the good will of the populace by respecting old customs and traditions provided they are not incompatible with the principles of public health.

## Advice and Methods

When disease affects the individual only the choice of nursing and treatment lies with the patient or his guardian. Where the illness is of such an infectious nature that the case not only endangers the health and lives of those who approach near, but through them the health and lives of others more remote, I feel sure the Honourable Chinese Members will agree that the prejudices and wishes of the patient or his friends should not be allowed to outweigh unduly the risks to the community and the possibility of the establishment of an epidemic.

In order to stimulate the willing co-operation of all concerned and to ensure that the best possible advice shall be obtained and the best possible methods used I have recommended the establishment of a Public Health Advisory Board composed of officials and unofficials, doctors, and laymen whose duty it will be to examine and weigh up the factors connected with the various problems and to advise the action which should be adopted.

## Wells

Many chemical analyses and bacteriological counts have been made of water samples from well sunk in populous areas. The results show that pollution is present in the majority of cases.

The policy of the Building Authority is to refuse sanction for the opening of wells in premises where a pipe supply is available except in cases where a guarantee is given that the well water will be used solely for the purposes of flushing or for watering gardens.

Wells are closed by order of the Sanitary Board only when it is proved to their satisfaction that the water is polluted and there is danger of its being used for potable purposes.

Nuisance from Market Gardens

It is possible to grow vegetables without the creation of a nuisance and without danger to health, but in the area complained of the conditions prevailing make it almost impossible to economically carry on market gardening without nuisance.

It has been decided to cancel the permits of those who transgress the conditions of permit in respect of the use of manure.

## Obstruction by Street Stalls

The subject of the propriety of allowing food stalls in streets is one over which there has been much argument in many countries, and one which it is practically impossible to solve to the satisfaction of all parties.

Stalls are the shops of the poor and their abolition would in many cases be a hardship on that class of community.

On the other hand it is very difficult indeed to control the quality of the food sold and to ensure freedom from contamination. It is also difficult to prevent obstruction and to provide for the proper disposal of waste products.

The question of the removal of the stalls complained of is receiving the attention of the Sanitary Board and the Public Works Department and it is hoped that a satisfactory solution will soon be found.

## Harbour Master

GOVT. MARINE SURVEYORS' LAUNCHES

The Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), Harbour Master, said:

Your Excellency,—In his speech on the Budget for 1930 the Hon. senior Unofficial Member made various comments and asked certain questions in respect of matters connected with the administration of the harbour. I will deal with these in the order in which the Hon. Members mentioned them.

Government is keeping a watchful eye on the ever changing conditions of shipping visiting this port. The scheme for the accommodation of wharves for the largest type of ships as put forward by the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. is now before Government and is receiving the most sympathetic consideration. Admiralty concurrence has now been given to the construction of a wharf by the Hong Kong Naval

Camber, subject to a guarantee being given by the company that free space for manoeuvring lighters, etc., in and out of the Victualling Yard Camber will be maintained during construction of the wharf, and afterwards when ships are berthed alongside.

## Buoys in Harbour

Provision for the re-organisation of the buoys in the harbour to deal with the ever increasing size of ships is now before this Council and will be found under Head 13, Sub-Head 31 on page 27.

The question of building a protecting arm on the Western side of the Southern entrance to the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter in order to afford further protection to craft taking refuge in typhoon weather is also receiving Government's consideration.

The question of cutting a channel through the shoals between Green Island and Stonecutters Island to afford a Western entrance and exit to ships of the largest size remains under consideration. The matter has been referred to the Consulting Engineers, who at present cannot feel assured that such a channel would maintain its depth of water without periodical dredging operations.

The explanation for the sudden appearance of the items on page 27, under Sub-Heads 19 and 20, is as follows:

## Coal for Offices

Up to 1928 this vote was included in the Treasury vote but in that year it was considered that as the accounts were kept in the Harbour Office, and the Harbour Master, who is also the Government Coal Office, was responsible for the administration, it would be more fitting to place this vote under the Harbour Department. Due to a misunderstanding, this item was omitted from both the Treasury and Harbour Department Estimates for 1929 and a Supplementary Vote was taken. This item now appears under Head 13 for the first time.

## Allowances

This item in the past has also been included in a Treasury Vote, "Head 34 Sub-Head 41," "Rent allowance for Asiatic Subordinate Officers." As the Slipway staff are under the Harbour Department it has been considered more appropriate to show it under Head 13.

Marine Surveyor's Department

The Hon. senior Unofficial Member has pointed out in his speech that there are already four launches detailed for duty with the Government Marine Surveyor's Department. He stated as follows:

"In view of the fact that every shipyard of the colony can now be reached by bus or tram with considerable saving of time over travelling by launch and also that the Marine Surveyor and his 13 Assistant Surveyors receive conveyance allowance the necessity for the use of launches by the G.M.S. Department is limited to the inspection of vessels lying afloat in the harbour which are not numerous enough to warrant an increase in the number allotted to the G.M.S. Office beyond the four completed launches above referred to."

I regret that I am unable to agree with the Hon. Member that every shipyard in this Colony can be reached by tram or bus with considerable saving of time over travelling by launch, nor can I agree that some of them can be reached at all by tram or bus without covering a considerable distance on foot.

## Government and Clothes

Shipyards in this Colony are situated on the foreshore from Lai-chi-kok on the West to Lyemum Pass on the East, and are principally small Chinese yards several of which are a considerable distance from tram or bus routes. It may not be known to Hon. Members of this Council that Surveyors proceeding out on survey work have to carry a considerable amount of gear with them and the average weight of such gear is approximately 20 lb.

Surveyors employed on boiler or double bottom work have to change their clothes. These changes are carried out in the launches on their way to and from their work, thus effecting an appreciable saving in time. They could hardly do this if travelling by tram or bus. Each morning in the G.M.S. Office the work of the day is allotted having due regard to the facilities available for transport, but with only two launches at disposal for ship work there are considerable delays in spite of the fact that the Surveyors' private cars are used as much as possible.

It must not be overlooked however that:

(1) There will be normally 11 surveyors working in this port, the remaining 3 being on leave.

(2) Approximately 70 per cent of the survey work in this port is done afloat and only 30 per cent in the shipyards.

Of the four launches H.D.3, 6, 7, and 8, at present allotted for service with the G.M.S. Department H.D.6 is detailed for work as a tender to the Yaumati Slip-

way which is a full time job and consists of carrying workmen between the Slipway and Government launches under repair, and also doing all the fetch and carry work of a dockyard tender.

## Nautical Surveyors

H.D.3 is detailed for duty in surveys of launches other than Government launches. When it is realized that there are in this port between seven and eight hundred steam and motor launches the greater proportion of which are surveyed twice annually I do not think Hon. Members will be surprised to hear that she is running continuously all day long. This then leaves only two launches at the disposal of surveyors employed on ship work, and observing that 70 per cent of this work is carried out afloat in ships at anchor or at buoys it will be seen that this number is entirely inadequate. At the present moment one Nautical Surveyor is already on his way out to the Colony and will be followed by another early in 1930. These officers' duties will be principally in the harbour inspecting the life saving appliances of vessels and for emigration work. Their utility will be lost to the Colony unless launches are provided for their use.

The launch now under construction is intended to augment the transport facilities of Surveyors employed on ship work and the new launch asked for in the 1930 Budget for the G.M.S. Department is intended for the use of the two Nautical Surveyors.

The launches allocated to the Boarding Office and Junk Office are fully employed and cannot be spared for work with the G.M.S. Office.

## "Stores and Relief"

At present when stores arrive out from England there is no Government launch available for landing such stores and it becomes necessary to hire a launch for this purpose.

Government have normally a fleet of 38 craft each one of which is allocated for special duty, and in addition one launch is under construction.

When certain of these launches become due for overhaul or should they break down it becomes necessary to hire launches to take their place.

It is considered more economical to build a Government launch for these purposes of landing P.W.D. stores and of relief work than to continue the hiring of outside launches—at an average tariff of \$25 per diem, coal, oil and stores being provided by Government.

Expenses Compared

It has been suggested by the Hon. senior Unofficial Member that the "Kauking" could perform this duty. This would be most uneconomical. To keep the "Kauking" under steam at half an hour's notice during non-typhoon weather would cost approximately an additional \$30,000 per annum. If she was employed three days a week it would cost yet another \$20,000, or \$50,000 per annum in all. The estimated initial cost of the new launch asked for is \$40,000 and it is estimated that her fuel, stores, etc., will cost approximately \$5,000 per annum so that the total cost for the first year would be \$45,000. From this Hon.

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**COUNCIL DEBATE**

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**Legal Matter****LEGISLATION FOR FACTORY  
EMPLOYMENT**

The Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, C.B.E., K.C., Attorney General, said:—

Sir,—The Hon. Mr. Shenton referred in his speech last Thursday to the subject of factory legislation.

This question has for some time been under consideration by the Government. A bill to amend the Industrial Employment of Children Ordinance, 1922, Ordinance No. 22 of 1922, so as to extend its scope to women and young persons, and certain regulations proposed to be made under the Ordinance as so amended, have already been drafted, and are now under consideration by the Governor-in-Council.

This proposed legislation is intended to be a further step in the improvement of factory conditions in the Colony. Such improvement must of necessity be slow and gradual, and it is very difficult in such matters to travel far ahead of neighbouring countries. It is intended to follow up this legislation with other measures.

**The Treasury****MR. BREEN REPLIES TO  
QUESTIONS**

The Hon. Mr. M. J. Breen, Colonial Treasurer, said:—

Sir,—I propose to deal with the observations made by Hon. Unofficial Members on various Financial items in the Budget. I shall take the items in the order in which the observations were made.

The Hon. senior Unofficial Member remarked on the apparent discrepancy in the Military Contribution figures shown on pages 12 and 100 of the Estimates.

The large discrepancy between the revised 1929 estimate and the approved estimate is due to the recovery during the current year of a sum of \$592,711 from the Military Authorities on account of an overpayment of Military Contribution made in 1917/1918.

Instructions from the Secretary of State to make this recovery were received early in the present year. The sum of \$3,321,768 is what we expect to pay for Military Contribution in 1929.

It is customary to show revised estimates in the Abstract on page 12 only, and to insert the original unrevised figures in the body of the Estimates.

Military Contribution has hitherto been paid on any profits which may accrue as the result of appreciation in the sterling price of investments which we realise. We have not so far paid Military Contribution on any profits due to exchange as this question is under discussion with the Secretary of State.

**Kowloon Tong**  
The Hon. senior Unofficial Member has asked for information regarding the amount of the arrears of premia due from the Kowloon Tong Estate and the Pray East Marine Lot holders.

The position as regards Kowloon Tong Estate is as follows:—

The total premium originally stipulated was \$421,977, of which \$126,856.37 has been paid to Government. It is expected that the balance, \$295,120.63, will be received when the houses are completed and the Crown issues.

With regard to the Pray East Reclamation Scheme there is still a sum of \$143,219.50 due to the Government from Marine Lot holders by way of premia.

The item on page 6 of the Estimates "Carriage Chair, etc. Licences" will be sub-divided in future Estimates as the Hon. senior Unofficial member suggests and Motor Licences will be shown separately. For the Hon. Member's information I may add that the figure of \$230,000 in next year's Estimates is made up of:—

Ricsha and Chair Licences, \$95,000.

Truck Licences, \$29,000.

Motor Vehicle Licences, \$115,000.

**Wireless Takings**

The Hon. senior Unofficial Member remarked on the item "Message Fees" on page 9.

"Message Fees" signify wireless message fees together with a small amount collected for advice of vessels from lighthouses.

The Estimate for 1939 was based on the receipts for the period January/May 1929. This period showed a considerable set-back in traffic for the Philippine Islands and the United States as compared with the same period in 1928, when the Estimate for 1929 was prepared. This set-back will probably be compensated to a considerable extent by increased traffic with China, stations, namely, Canton and also Shanghai which started operations from July 1 last. But there were not sufficient grounds for anticipating a greater revenue in 1930 than that shown in the draft Estimate, viz: \$160,000.

**Tobacco Taxes**  
With regard to the remarks of the senior Chinese Unofficial member on the subject of Tobacco Duties, it is estimated that half the

anticipated increase under that head in the 1930 Estimates will be due to the more efficient method of collection rendered possible by the Tobacco Amendment Ordinance of 1929, and the remainder will accrue from normal increase of consumption. Such estimated increase being only 10 per cent in excess of the 1924 collection cannot be regarded as unduly optimistic.

The previous system of taxing tobacco on an "ad valorem" scale was found unsatisfactory and after due consideration superseded; and a uniform rate imposed in accordance with Home practice. The Imports and Exports Department will welcome any suggestions that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce may put forward for combating smuggling but the Government is satisfied that the new system of duties works satisfactorily.

**Pension Fund**

The Hon. Mr. Shenton called attention to the position under the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme.

On January 1, 1909, the Government under authority of Ordinance No. 15 of 1908 took over the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund at \$371,500, which sum was credited to the General Revenue of the Colony. Since then all contributions have been credited to Revenue, and pensions to the widows and orphans of contributors are guaranteed by their being a charge on the Revenues of the Colony in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance.

The fund referred to by the Hon. member ceased in 1908 when Ordinance No. 15 of 1908 came into force.

It is the practice in many British Crown Colonies, including the Straits Settlements, Malaya and Ceylon, to embody Widows and Orphans' contributions and the payment of pensions under the scheme in the general finances of the Colony.

**Mr. Southorn****COLONIAL SECRETARY'S  
SPEECH**

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, said:—

My Hon. friends the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, the Harbour Master, the Attorney General and the Treasurer have dealt fully with certain aspects of the remarks of the Unofficial Members which particularly affect their departments. You, Sir, will I understand, deal with some of the more important subjects under discussion and it remains for me to answer those criticisms which have not been covered by and will not be dealt with by Your Excellency.

In the first place, Sir, I should like to thank my Unofficial Colleagues for their very carefully reasoned criticism of the Budget and I think the impression left on the mind of any one who listened to their speeches was that the principles of the Budget are accepted and that only the details are subjected to serious criticism. It seems to me that the forward policy of services is not in any way condemned for the encouragement of the Statistical Department and the forward move in matters of Health and Sanitation have all met with the approval of my Hon. friends on the unofficial side.

**"Pressing Needs"**  
Their chief complaint, or so it seems to me, is that the Government has not at the same time been able to undertake some of the pressing needs of the Colony in the way of buildings, roads, recreation grounds, and other material works.

Well, Sir, I may say at once that the Government fully shares their disappointment, but even the Government cannot make bricks without straw and the hardest part of a Budget framer's task is the endeavour to make the quart of the demands go into the pint pot of the revenue. There is hardly a work mentioned by our critics which has not received the most careful consideration of the Government and been finally ruled out in favour of works which seemed to the Government to merit prior performance.

**Administration**  
The work of administration has to be provided for before money can be found for public works, and in this connection I would refer to the remarks of the senior Chinese Unofficial Member on the rising cost of administration. The Government, Sir, admits that the cost of administration is rising and it must continue to rise so long as more and more is demanded of the Government. The largest increases in the present Budget are in answer to insistent public demand and have met with Unofficial approval. So far as I can remember only one department is charged with being over-staffed and the Harbour Master has, I think, made an effective reply to the charge. As a matter of curiosity I have caused the expenditure on Personal Emoluments in Hong Kong to be compared, so far as information is available here, with the expenditure in neighbouring administrations and we find the interesting result that the percentage of Personal Emoluments to Revenue in the present Budget, and in this connection it must not be forgotten that the same Personal

Emoluments deal with an expenditure of nearly \$2,000,000 on loan works in addition to voted expenditure, is slightly less than the percentage shown by the 1927/1928 figures for Ceylon and the 1929 figures for the Straits Settlements, and much less than the 1929 figures for Shanghai.

**Personal Emoluments**  
I therefore venture to doubt the justness of the charge that our Personal Emoluments absorb an unduly high proportion of our revenue, while the need for some improvement of salaries especially in the lower grades of the service has been shown by the report of the Salaries Commission.

I pass now, Sir, to some of the detailed criticisms and enquiries of my unofficial friends.

Taking first the remarks of the senior Unofficial Member, as regards the Gaol we all know that a new Gaol is required and the work, once commenced at Kai Tak, was suspended owing to the financial difficulties of the year 1925. That site is no longer available, being required to be reserved for the development of the Aerodrome, and I have no doubt the foundations prepared for the Gaol will be found useful for future buildings. The question of accommodation in the prisons is receiving attention. A proposal has been made to transfer the female prisoners to Lai-chik-ko where there is space available and if the transfer can be effected the situation in Victoria Gaol will be considerably relieved.

**Hospital First**  
The present Government, while recognizing the need for a new Gaol, differs from its predecessors in thinking that a new Civil Hospital should have priority over a new Gaol and we doubt if the finances of the Colony justify the undertaking of both of these costly works at once. It is for this reason that we thought it worth while to improve the printing shops in the Gaol as we believe it will prove an economical undertaking in the long run. We cannot vacate the present Gaol until the new Gaol is ready and I venture to predict that ten years is a modest estimate for the life of the present Gaol. I might remind Hon. Members that the printing shop proposal was laid before them in the Budget for 1929 and a sum of \$41,000 was voted without demur. When the plans came to be worked out it was found that the proposed scheme would not provide all the accommodation required and an amended scheme costing \$100,000 has been prepared in its place. The Hon. Director of Public Works will be prepared to explain the details in Committee and I trust that Hon. Members will agree with the Government that the scheme will prove to be an economy in the long run and will approve the expenditure asked for.

**Education**  
The important subject of Education has not unnaturally given rise to comment from more than one of my unofficial friends. The Government will take counsel with the Director of Education on the points raised by the senior Unofficial Member but I would remind him that a good deal is already being done in the way of instruction in sanitation and hygiene in all schools and in elementary agricultural instruction in certain selected areas. The Hon. Member also asked whether school fees should not be reduced. The Government does not consider that the fees charged in Government schools are unduly high in view of the educational facilities provided and cannot see any adequate reason for reducing these fees.

The item under Education Department of \$60,000 for building grants is to meet the following demands:—

La Salle College, Kowloon, \$50,000.  
St. Francis School, Victoria, \$10,000.

**Subsidies and Grants**  
As regards the Central British School at Kowloon the sum provided is for site formation only. The Government is not in a position at present to provide funds to commence the buildings. The last of the Hon. Member's list of items is an appeal for a grant-in-aid on behalf of the Mun Sang College. The Director of Education has reported that this school has not yet reached the standard required for a Government grant but it is hoped that if the management accepts the Director's advice it may in course of time reach grant standard.

The Hon. senior Chinese Unofficial member refers to the reduction in three educational subsidies. I can assure him that no abatement of the Government's interest in education in these reductions. The amounts provided last year were greater than the amounts required by more than the reductions effected and it is believed that all legitimate demands are covered by the amounts now inserted in the Estimates.

**Markets**  
The Government agrees with the Hon. senior Unofficial Member as to the importance of markets, and provision has been made for the continuance of the work on the Sai-ying-pun and Kowloon City markets. As regards the Kowloon Tong market, which was referred to by the Hon. Mr. Brags as well as by the Hon. senior Unofficial Member,

provision was made in the Estimates for 1929 for a temporary market there, at a cost of \$15,000 and the proposal was accepted at the time without comment. The plans were ready in February and the work might have been completed by now but for the fact that demands have since been put forward out of all proportion to the sum provided. The revised plans and estimates were received only last month too late for inclusion in the draft estimates for 1930 and the justice or otherwise of these demands is at present under consideration but as at present advised I am inclined to think that Kowloon Tong's demands in this matter are excessive. I do not understand the Hon. Mr. Brags's suggestion that the omission of the market from the Estimates for 1930 is a slight on the Sanitary Board. The suggestion appears to be entirely unjustified.

**Recreation Grounds**  
A good deal has been said by the Hon. senior Unofficial Member and his colleagues on the subject of recreation grounds, open spaces and children's playgrounds. The Government readily acknowledges the needs of the Colony in these respects, and as Hon. Members know a Committee has been appointed to go into the whole question. This Committee, of which I have the honour to be Chairman, had only just commenced work when I was obliged to take a short period of leave for reasons of health and on my return every one was so fully occupied, first with the water crisis and then with the Budget, that it was found impossible to make progress. It is hoped that the Committee will resume its labours next month and will before long be able to make useful representations to Government on this important subject.

Meanwhile the Government prefers not to anticipate the recommendations of the Committee but will await its report before putting forward specific proposals. I am, however, authorised to say that any practicable proposal for the establishment of a Chinese golf course will receive the sympathetic consideration of the Government. As regards the children's playgrounds in Kowloon to which special reference has been made arrangements are now in hand to convert the triangle at the junction of Salisbury and Chatham Roads into a public garden and playground on the vote in the current year's estimates. I might add that so far as I have been able to ascertain no previous complaint has been received by the Government regarding the railings of the Chatham Road playground and inquiries will now be made in this matter.

**Aviation and Broadcasting**  
The Government notes with satisfaction the Unofficial approval of its attitude towards aviation and while it can hold out no hope of an increased contribution from the Air Ministry towards the cost of Kai Tak Aerodrome it has every reason to hope that substantial help towards the cost of the development of the Air Port will be forthcoming from the Colonial Development Fund recently instituted by the Home Government.

In connection with Broadcasting the Government has made a small provision in the Estimates and while it sympathises with the Hon. members' desire for more extensive provision it feels that other demands have prior claims on the funds available.

**Afforestation**  
Attention is drawn to the sums provided for afforestation in the North and South districts of the New Territories and it is suggested that they are inadequate. I should explain that these sums are for very minor schemes supervised by the District Officers and are adequate for their purpose. Large schemes of afforestation are more properly

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**COUNCIL DEBATE**

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placed under the control of the Botanical and Forestry Department and adequate provision is made under Head 27.

The accommodation at the Post Office will receive consideration in consultation with the Postmaster General. Office accommodation generally is becoming inadequate and the needs of the Government service as a whole are being considered by a small departmental Committee.

## Form of Estimates

The Hon. member has referred to the appointment of an Inspection Officer for the Fire Brigade. This officer is required for the inspection of buildings in respect of their safety from risk of fire. On page 45 of the Administrative Report for 1928 of the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, will be found a report of the inspection work done during 1928. It involved the inspection of 982 buildings, including 407 theatres and cinemas, 191 garages and 180 inflammable structures. The work is rapidly increasing as more and more attention is paid to this important matter, and the present Fire Brigade staff cannot cope with it except at the cost of other equally important duties.

The Hon. the senior Chinese Unofficial member took us to task over the form in which the Estimates are put forward. I readily accept his suggestion that the totals of Personal Emoluments, Other Charges and Special Expenditure be shown separately in future and have issued instructions accordingly. With all deference to his views I deprecate the reversion to the old practice of showing the clerical staff of each office separately under that office. It would be a retrograde step insofar as it introduces unnecessary complication and I venture to hope that it will meet the Hon. member's requirements if we show the totals of the clerical staff, taken from the appendices, under each head and carry out a total for the whole of the expenditure under the head. I have duly noted the Hon. Member's criticism as regards the inadequacy of the notes in some departments and will endeavour to secure fuller notes in future years.

## Mr. Shenton's Schemes

I now come to the remarks of the Hon. Mr. Shenton and desire to sympathize with him in the absence of his favourite schemes from the Budget. I am afraid his fears as regards the inadequacy of our financial resources are only too likely to be realised should we attempt to undertake most of the works he has mentioned. A new City Hall, desirable though it may be, must, as an item of Government expenditure, yield priority to many more urgent works.

The Vehicular Ferry is a project which the Government hopes to see undertaken by private enterprise. Various local business organisations have shown interest in the scheme and a call for tenders is only held up pending the final settlement of the designs to which the piers must conform.

The motor road to Canton is an undertaking for which this Government cannot accept liability. Our own motor roads already run close to the frontier and can be linked up with the Chinese road without much difficulty as soon as the latter is ready.

## Home for Infirm?

The Government feels that the provision of a Home for the infirm is a subject for charitable rather than official enterprise. Much care is required in dealing with such a proposition lest we find ourselves asked to find asylum for all the infirm of Kwangtung.

As regards the Hon. Mr. Braga's remarks I have already referred to the Kowloon Tong market, the children's playgrounds and open spaces. The question of motor parking at Kowloon Point is mixed up with the very difficult question of the proper development of that area from a traffic point of view. Many schemes have been discussed and finally has not yet been reached but it has been strongly borne in upon the Government that no permanent alleviation of the congestion is possible without the removal of unattended motor-cars and motor-cycles from the area adjacent to the Star Ferry Pier.

## Band Concerts

As regards the disorderly houses mentioned by the Hon. member the matter will be referred to the Captain Superintendent of Police who will be requested to take such steps as may be possible to abate any nuisance. The Captain Superintendent will be ready at any time to investigate any specific complaint which may be brought to his notice.

The question of clothing the nakedness of the Kowloon hills with trees is not a new one. It will be referred to the Botanical and Forestry Department but I am not very hopeful as to the result.

As regards Band concerts in Kowloon, and for that matter in Victoria also, it was intended to provide a sum of \$1,200 in the Estimates but the item was inadvertently omitted from the print. The Government will be prepared to propose a special vote for this service early next year.

With your own remarks to follow, Sir, the ground of the Unofficial members' criticisms will, I think, have been covered and I trust Hon. Members will be satisfied that the Government has recognized the seriousness of their criticisms and has answered them as fully as the short time available has permitted. We cannot all see eye to eye in matters of detail, but we are at one in general principles and remembering that we are all united in our desires for the prosperity and well being of Hong Kong, I hope that Unofficial Members will find themselves able to accept the Budget now presented.

**The Governor****EXPANSION OF KOWLOON PREDICTED**

Winding up the debate, H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) said:—

Gentlemen,—I am very grateful, both to the Official and to the Unofficial Members of this Council, for the care and attention which have been given to the preparation and scrutiny of next year's Budget. More especially I thank my honourable friends, the Colonial Secretary and the senior Unofficial member, upon whose shoulders has fallen the chief burden of debate. The criticisms made by the Unofficial Members have been most helpful; and, where any difference in opinion exists between the Government and the Unofficials, it is at bottom usually a question of the priority to be accorded to various projects, which we all of us recognize as desirable in the interests of the Colony.

The Colonial Secretary and other members of the Government have already dealt with most of the matters mentioned in speeches made by Unofficial Members at the last meeting of this Council; but there remain a few points on which I wish to address you myself.

## Water Supply

First of all, and most important of all, is the subject of the water supply. The Unofficial Members have unanimously pressed upon my Government the importance of expediting the construction of the dam in the Sheng-mun gorge, which, as the senior Unofficial member well said, is the corner stone of the second section of the Sheng-mun scheme. I am as anxious as are the Unofficial Members to see this project pressed rapidly to a successful conclusion, and I can assure the Council that no pains will be spared to obviate any avoidable delay.

Mr. Henderson, our waterworks engineer, has just returned to the Colony, and I have already impressed upon him and upon my honourable friend, the Director of Public Works, the necessity of preparing plans and estimates for the Sheng-mun gorge reservoir with the least possible delay. In my opinion, there is no one in the Colony who can do this work better than Mr. Henderson himself. Unfortunately Mr. Henderson's hands are already very full with the construction of the harbour pipe-line, which he hopes to complete in January next, the construction of the Kowloon bywash reservoir, which is now in progress, and the commencement of the construction of the Aberdeen waterworks scheme, for which tenders have now been received.

## Engineers Praised

I am happy to know that Mr. Henderson has the skilled assistance of Mr. Purves, a very experienced waterworks engineer, who has just declined an offer of promotion to the Gold Coast, in order to remain in this Colony, where the value of his services to the Hong Kong Government is fully recognized. By their joint efforts, I have no doubt that Mr. Henderson and Mr. Purves will before long place before us detailed plans and estimates for the construction of the second section of the Sheng-mun scheme; and, as I have already told the Council, directly reliable plans and estimates for this scheme are in my possession I shall submit the matter for your consideration and ask for the approval of the Secretary of State.

## Harbour Pipe-line

The senior Unofficial member criticized, as I think somewhat unfairly, the delay in constructing the harbour pipe-line, and he pointed out that the Unofficial members of this Council had in November, 1929, urged the Government to bring the pipe-line across the harbour. In this matter the Unofficial members appear to have overlooked the fact that it would have been useless to construct the harbour pipe-line until water could be supplied to it from the Sheng-mun valley, and that even to-day the land pipe-line has not yet reached Kowloon Point. I informed the Council in my address of September 5 that we still have to construct 3,500 feet of pipe-line at Shamshui and 450

feet across the railway terminus before it will be possible to deliver Sheng-mun water at Kowloon Point.

I also explained to the Council on that occasion how work on the Sheng-mun scheme began in 1923 and was steadily continued from that time onwards. It was not until 1926 that the tunnels through Smugglers' Ridge and Golden Hill were completed, and after that we still had to build a reception reservoir in the lower Shek-lai-pui valley and a rapid gravity filtration plant, of which the first section, capable of filtering five million gallons a day, has only recently been completed. There is also still under construction, and not yet completed, a covered reinforced concrete reservoir with a capacity of 11 million gallons adjoining these filters. As I pointed out, expenditure amounting to no less than \$2,326,490 had actually been incurred on the development of the Sheng-mun scheme up to June 30 last.

## Then and Now

Honourable Members may perhaps ask why the work was not done more rapidly; but to this I would reply, in the first place that I doubt whether, with the engineering resources at our disposal, more rapid progress was possible, and, in the next place, that funds could not more rapidly have been made available. Memories in this Colony are short; but I cannot believe that there is anyone in this Council who forgets the troubles of 1925, 1926 and 1927. The Colony's finances at that time were most embarrassed. It would have been impossible in those years to raise the local loan, which was successfully floated last year. There was no accumulation of surplus balances as there is to-day. We were economising in every direction, reducing staff and postponing all expenditure, to which we were not already committed. I claim that, instead of criticising the Government for delay in this matter, there is cause for thanksgiving in this Colony that the first section of the Sheng-mun scheme had not to be proceeded with even more slowly than has actually been the case.

## Revenue On Outlay

The honourable senior Unofficial Member saw no reason why the colonists of to-day should be saddled with long past expenditure upon waterworks, which has been paid from time to time out of revenue; nor did he agree with the principle that all Government expenditure ought to produce a revenue, which would give a reasonable rate of interest on the capital expended. I cannot, however, hold any hope to this Council, or to the Colony, that it will be possible to complete the very large and very expensive schemes for waterworks development which are now under construction and in contemplation without increasing the price paid by residents in this Colony for their water supply. Nor do I consider that it will be any hardship for consumers of water to pay for it at a price commensurate with its cost to Government.

## An Assurance

I am informed that the price of water in this Colony is cheap by comparison with prices charged elsewhere. I am collecting data on this subject and will place the statistics, when procured, before this Council. I do not, however, propose to increase the price of water until it is possible to ensure a full supply throughout the year to all houses connected with the waterworks, both on Hong Kong Island and on the mainland. It would certainly cause justifiable discontent if the Government were to increase the price of water at a time when a restricted supply only can be made available. Therefore, as I intimated at our meeting on the 5th inst., I do not propose to move in this matter until the Budget for 1931 is under consideration. It will, of course, be impossible to discard the rider-main system until there is an assured supply of water available both on the island and on the mainland throughout the year; and the Government will certainly give this Council an opportunity to debate the matter before the rider-mains are abolished.

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## COUNCIL DEBATE

(Continued from Page 4.)

### Local R.N.V.R.

I now turn to the question of estab-  
lishing in this Colony a division of the  
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, for  
which a sum of \$25,433 is provided in  
next year's estimates. I note that the  
Unofficial Members consider that the  
formation of such a division of the  
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve might  
detrimentally affect recruitment for  
the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence  
Corps; that naval work should be left  
to the Navy; and that the creation of  
such a reserve would be alien to the  
spirit of international comradery and  
fraternity, which is rapidly gathering  
weight and momentum throughout  
the world. I should not fail to  
place the views expressed on this  
subject by Unofficial Members before  
the Secretary of State for the Colonies,  
as the matter is one, not merely of  
local, but of Imperial, concern. There  
are, however, certain considerations  
which it is desirable to put before  
the Council at once.

### Defence Work

It is clearly impracticable to main-  
tain the fighting services of the British  
Empire at full war strength in time  
of peace, and consequently it is  
necessary to make provision for expan-  
sion in the unfortunate event of an  
outbreak of war. This is the reason  
for reserves. The functions of the  
Royal Navy in war are very varied.  
They can be classified broadly as "gen-  
eral service," which includes all the  
sea-going branches, and "local de-  
fence," which, as the name implies,  
is comparatively stationary and is cen-  
tered round supports of naval or com-  
mercial importance. The duties which  
fall to a local defence force are prin-  
cipally counter-measures against mine-  
laying and submarines. These are two  
forms of attack by stealth, which  
threaten shipping in all navigable  
waters, especially off naval or com-  
mercial harbours, where traffic is neces-  
sarily dense and vulnerable. It will be  
remembered that in the Great War  
enemy submarines attacked shipping  
off the Azores and the coast of America,  
whilst ships were sunk off Australia  
and South Africa by enemy mines, and  
that in this Colony it was necessary to  
resort to mine-sweeping operations.

### Previous Scheme

The amount of training necessary to  
prepare for these local services is com-  
paratively small; and in a war, where  
it is necessary to make the most econ-  
omical use of one's resources, it would  
be wasteful to employ personnel trained  
for general services upon specialised  
local defence measures. Moreover,  
owing to the distance of Hong Kong  
from the United Kingdom, local re-  
quirements have must in war be met  
from local resources, and it is to adapt  
our local resources and personnel to  
use in war that the present proposal is  
put forward.

The Council will remember that, in  
the Budget for 1927, at the suggestion  
of His Majesty's Government, a  
scheme was included for the creation  
of a Hong Kong division of the Royal  
Naval Volunteer Reserve. That  
scheme involved the maintenance of  
two mine-sweeping sloops and consid-  
erable personnel. It required a large  
initial outlay and, once decided upon,  
would have necessitated heavy main-  
tenance charges. The scheme was adopted  
by this Council and the sum of  
\$40,000 was voted as the estimated ex-  
penditure for half a year, but, in view  
of the financial situation then existing,  
the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
decided to postpone the matter.

### More Modest Proposals

The new proposals are much more  
modest. There will be small initial ex-  
penditure; and, if for any reason it  
should hereafter be considered inad-  
visable to continue the scheme, there

would be no commitments which would  
affect a decision to disband the force.  
The organisation would, however, be  
such that it could expand in keeping  
with the requirements and resources  
of the Colony. The Admiralty is assist-  
ing these proposals by lending to the  
Colony, free of charge, the latest form  
of mine-sweeping equipment and a gun,  
which will be mounted in the Colony's  
rescue tug, "Kau Sing." The Admir-  
alty has also agreed that naval  
officers and instructors should for the  
present assist in the training of the  
volunteers.

It is intended that the year 1930  
should be regarded as an experimental  
period, during which enlistment will be  
for one year only and the main objects  
will be to try out the scheme and  
select individuals from these volunteer-  
ing for posts as instructors. In the  
first year we shall be prepared to en-  
rol up to thirty volunteers. Training  
will include lectures, gun drill, in-  
struction in signals and in the use of  
small arms. Mine-sweeping and gun  
practice will be carried out from the  
"Kau Sing," which will make a series  
of week-end cruises within the waters  
of the Colony. Volunteers will under-  
take to serve when called out in emer-  
gency in the colonial waters. They  
will not be required to serve away  
from Hong Kong, unless they special-  
ly elect to do so.

### Small Scale

It is obvious that the scheme, which  
I have outlined, is on so small a scale  
that it will not interfere with enlist-  
ment for the Hong Kong Volunteer  
Defence Corps. Nor are the volun-  
teers, who are likely to enlist in the  
Hong Kong division of the Royal Naval  
Volunteer Reserve, men who would be  
likely to join the Volunteer Defence  
Corps. The Government carefully con-  
sidered whether the formation of this  
unit would be likely in any way to  
prejudice recruitment for the existing  
Volunteer Defence Corps and decided  
that it was not expedient. Nor is  
there any prospect of the scheme com-  
mitting the Colony to increasing ex-  
penditure in future years. As honourable  
members will observe from the descrip-  
tion of the scheme which I have given,  
it is concerned simply and solely with  
the defence of the shipping of this  
Colony in time of emergency and at a  
time when the Royal Navy might not  
be able itself to engage in mine-sweep-  
ing operations round the waters of this  
Colony. The scheme is purely one of  
defence, and there need be no fear  
that it will in any way militate against  
the growing spirit of international com-  
radery and fraternity.

### New Kowloon Road

The next matter upon which I wish  
to touch is the proposal for a road  
through the Sai Kung district of the  
New Territories. The Unofficial Mem-  
bers, with the exception of the Hon.  
Mr. Braga, criticise this proposal as  
premature. They must have over-  
looked the fact that the Sai Kung dis-  
trict has now formed part of the New  
Territories of this Colony for thirty  
years, and that during those thirty  
years nothing whatever has been done  
for the development of the district be-  
yond the construction of a police sta-  
tion at Sai Kung in 1900. Honourable  
Members, of course, represent in this  
Council the interests of taxpayers in  
the Sai Kung district no less than in  
other districts of the Colony, and I  
doubt whether on this subject the  
numerous villages in that area and the  
prosperous market at Sai Kung would  
share the views of their representa-  
tives in this Council.

### By Sections

It may be that Unofficial Members  
have been alarmed by the magnitude of  
this work, which is described in papers  
laid on the table as a circular eastern  
road, 25 feet wide and 2 1/2 miles in  
length, costing in all \$1,170,000. The  
work is, however, such that it can be  
done section by section as fast as or  
slowly as local requirements and the  
financial resources of the Colony may  
prescribe. At this stage, the Govern-  
ment proposes to do no more than con-  
struct the first section of the road from  
Kowloon City to the village of Ma-yau-  
tung in the gap overlooking the har-  
bour between Customs Pass and Lye-  
mun. This section is four miles in  
length and is estimated to cost \$200,000.  
The object of this section of the road is  
to open up a hill district for the Kow-  
loon peninsula similar to that on Hong  
Kong Island.

### Rapid Growth

There is no doubt that the rapid  
growth of Kowloon as a business centre  
makes it very important that the hills  
above the northern side of the harbour,  
where future commercial development  
on a large scale is to be expected,  
should be made available for residential  
purposes. So far from being prema-  
ture, I venture to think that this  
scheme has been far too long delayed.  
Kowloon has been far too long up any  
hill district above Kowloon, because it  
passes through the waterworks' re-  
serve, which is not available for re-  
sidential purposes. The Castle Peak  
road runs for the most part over flat  
country and does not open up any hill  
district. Therefore, it still remains  
necessary to-day for any business man  
in Kowloon peninsula, who likes to  
spend his nights in the cool of the hill  
tops, to reside at the Peak in Hong  
Kong, whereas he could much more con-  
veniently build his house on the at-  
tractive hill-range spreading between  
Customs Pass and Lye-mun.

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In connection with this Sai Kung road,  
as it has been called, I may say that I  
should very much have liked to pro-  
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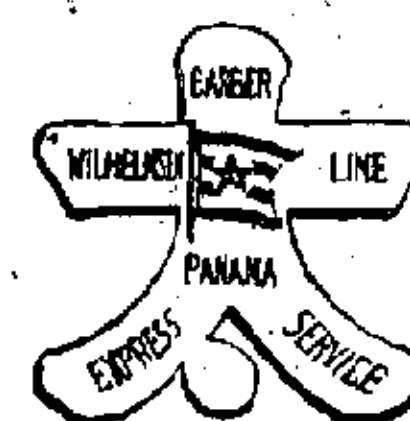
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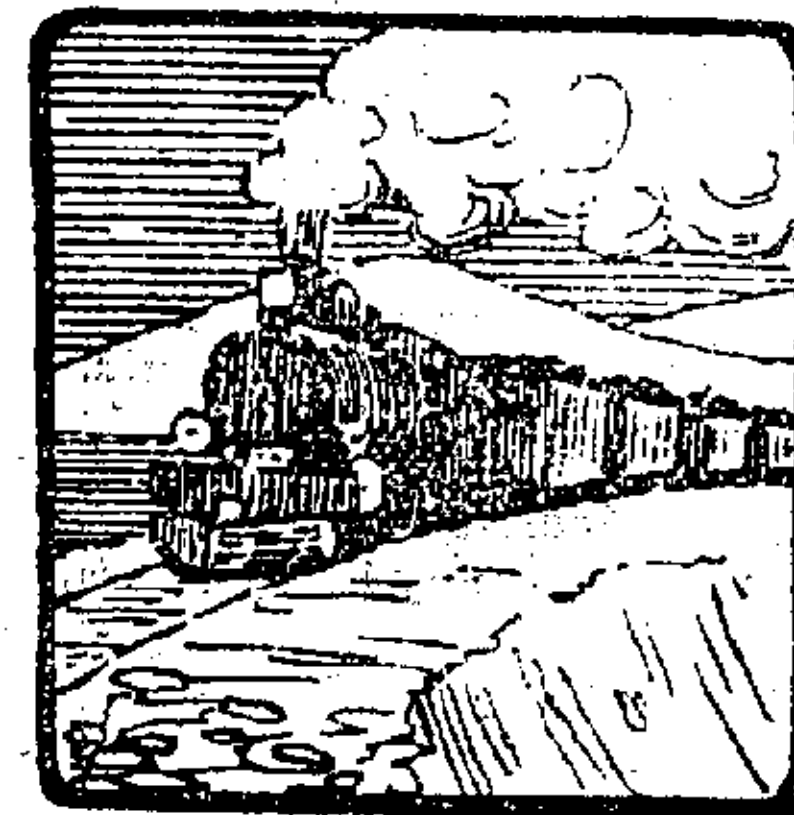
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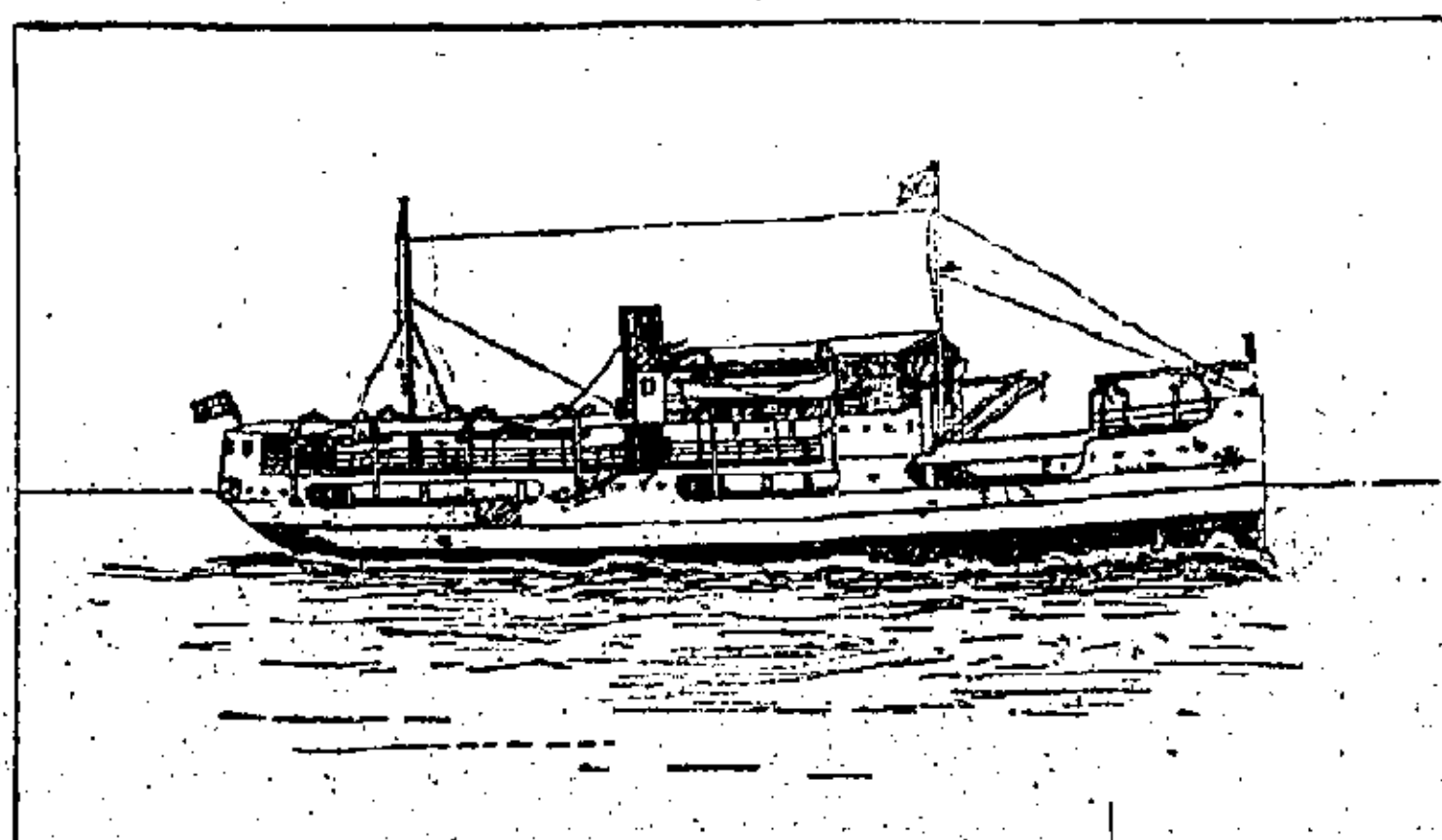
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### OUR MEDICAL SERVICE

The timely rebuke of the Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, concerning the Government Civil Hospital, should echo and re-echo in the minds of all. The memorable words used by Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., "uninspiring and disappointing" regarding facts in general, surely come to us as a challenge, and that challenge requires action which must be swift and sure, and not the mere bickering of words.

To err is human, and the man who never makes mistakes, never makes his way in anything, in this small world of ours. The same applies to Governments. If the Powers That Be know not of their mistakes, how can they possibly remedy them?

With all kindness, sympathy and forethought, and in the light of our present knowledge, we would suggest that perhaps all is not well with the Medical Department, and we would further suggest that it may not have been given the chance which it has so long deserved.

"When in 1923 and 1924 the University Court accepted the Rockefeller Endowments, it did so on the understanding that the Medical School of the University was going to be conducted, not only with regard to the teaching in the University, but also in the matter of its clinical work in the Government Civil Hospital, as an efficient and up-to-date modern University Medical School of the highest status." Sir Henry's criticism would in no uncertain tone suggest that the Powers

That Be have not kept their word with this Great Benefactor of Learning and Humanity. We all make mistakes, but it is our duty to rectify such errors. Now is the time for action: to-morrow may be too late! The Powers That Be have been weighed in the balances, and apparently found wanting, . . . but we have faith to believe that they will take steps speedily to make good their omissions.

A new building, and a new site are required for our new General Infirmary, to take the place of the old Government Civil Hospital, which by name alone suggests limitations which do not exist. The Hospital should be planned on the most up-to-date American, British, and Continental lines.

But a hospital building, however well finished and equipped, does not necessarily make a good hospital. The staff is all important, right down from the head to the most junior member. In this respect, how do we and how will we stand? During recent times our medical staffs have been changing; one by one, some of our best and most ambitious medical men leave us. They are as ships that pass in the night; here to-day and gone to-morrow. They may be "rolling stones," but it must be remembered that whilst they gather no moss, they become all the brighter for the rolling. This suggests to us that they may be afraid of staying here too long, lest the moss of (?) stagnation covers their brilliant brains. This makes us wonder what prospects this Colony, with its trying climate, has to offer them. University Professors in the Medical Faculty leave us. The Government "Gazette" shows from time to time very highly qualified doctors being appointed Medical Officers; but sooner or later they go from our midst. Rumour has it that other well qualified doctors will be shortly leaving us. It would make any thoughtful people question whether the present policy (whatever it may be) is right or wrong. This results in us asking ourselves certain hypothetical questions.

1. . . . Prospects . . . are they good?  
2. . . . Prestige . . . is it what it ought to be?  
3. . . . Pleasure . . . is there time for any pleasure?

1. . . . It would appear that the prospects are very limited; a small colony and little or no promotion. The only thing to look forward to is the annual small rise in salary, and if one lives long enough . . . a pension. Is

the pay sufficient for a first-class doctor? We venture to think not.  
2. . . . At Home, the doctors have a very definite prestige: here the average medical man is treated very much as one of the crowd, the only "prestige" here being based on salary, house, dress, and perhaps "swank."

Inside the Civil Service, . . . we wonder . . . is prestige given to qualification, or only seniority of service, . . . if at all? It may be argued that experience counts most, but it must not be forgotten that experience can only be valued according to the standard on which it is based. It follows that a highly qualified doctor can make more of the same job than a lower qualified medical man, and that the former's experience for an identical length of time must be far greater than that of the latter. There are just a very limited few exceptions here and there, as in every rule. Do not forget the story of Isaac Newton and his dog. They both saw the apple drop to the ground, from the tree. The dog only blinked his eyes, but to Newton it revealed the Law of Gravity: they might have both had extensive experience in watching apples drop, but one had the brains which the other had not.

A second thought would not seem out of place and that is to consider whether doctors in the Civil Service have been, or may still be, treated perhaps unconsciously on the level of a machine rather than as personalities. It must always be remembered that a machine may be driven, but a personality must at most be led. This is the only way to personal efficiency. In the higher and human spheres of life, it is natural to be willing to be led, but never driven. A great General will never drive his army, but always lead it. We do not for a moment suggest that doctors are treated in this way, but it is not beyond the range of possibility. A doctor usually has a long and expensive training, it must be remembered, much longer than the average in other professions, and he therefore should be respected accordingly. When all is said and done a man's mind is the greatest power we have in the world. In the long run "brains will tell."

3. . . . Pleasure is an essential to life: without it we only exist. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is an adage which is well worth remembering: apply it to life and you'll find it will work. Do the doctors and the nurses (so essential to the carrying out of medical work effectively) get their "time off"? Do they get a yearly holiday which is so essential out here?

We have glanced over a field, namely the Medical Service, which should come first and foremost in the policy of any Government, especially in a sub-tropical climate, where disease can cause such ravages. People talk of prosperity. Mammon is one of the main attractions in the Far East. Has it not dawned on us that health is wealth? Surely we must safeguard the wealth of the Colony by first ensuring its health?

Our loyal Senior Unofficial Member has rightly spoken when he says, "Dr. Wellington has been rather in the position of a General without an army." Surely . . . these things ought not to be!

### A DRAMATIC SOPRANO

Miss Maria Gomes, dramatic soprano, who is well known in this city, arrived recently from the United States where she has been residing for the past four years. This gifted young musician is to start on a concert tour throughout the Far East soon and we assure her a hearty welcome reception from the musical colony here after such a long absence. During her stay in the United States, Miss Gomes has not only concentrated much, but studied and perfected her vocal art with some of the most eminent instructors.

Besides her many operatic roles she has a big repertoire of concert songs which she sings in seven languages.

The Hon. Treasurer of St. John Ambulance Brigade acknowledges the receipt of the following subscription to Brigade Funds:—Mr. Leung Yan-po, \$50.

For the theft of a wooden ladder in Shamshui, a Chinese coolie was fined \$10, or 14 days' hard labour, at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

We are in receipt of a cable stating that Mr. Rupchand, of the Pioneer Silk Store, Hong Kong, has sailed on the "Andre Lebon" for Hong Kong.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Richard Wemyss Ritchie, of Police Headquarters, Hong Kong, to Miss Nancy Riley, Haddon Hill, Nuwara Eliya, Ceylon.

Wong Li-chuen, a widow living at No. 4, Wing Wah Lane, has reported to the Police that during the past fortnight, during her absence from home, someone stole from her cubicle nine pieces of jewellery worth \$294.

A coolie employed by the A.P.C. was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his head and legs received through a number of lead bars slipping from a high stack and falling on him whilst he was at work.

Miss Bonyer, of No. 53, Hollywood-road, has reported to the Police that between 4 and 8 p.m., yesterday, a thief stole from a cash box in her room, \$300 in Hong Kong notes, \$30 U.S. currency, and 300 francs. Simultaneously it was found that a servant had absconded.

A young woman, named Yip Kai, was found apparently in great distress at her home at 600, Queen's Road West, and was removed to hospital. It was found that she had swallowed a chopstick with the intention of committing suicide, and that the article had been wholly taken in. When removed to hospital the woman was in a serious condition.

A Chinese woman named Chan Ho was yesterday charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith by Mr. D. Ogilvie, Chief Clerk to the Kowloon Court, with disorderly conduct within the enclosure of the Court House. Defendant in reply to the charge said that she had been to one of the Court officials' quarters to get back some money. The Magistrate: You have no business to do that. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

To-day Tai Nan, a boiler maker, was at the Kowloon Police Court, before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, charged with assaulting Yeung Oi, also a boiler maker, in Kowloon City Road. The accused hit the complainant over the right eye, which necessitated his going to the Kowloon Hospital for dressing. His Worship fined accused \$3 and ordered him to pay \$2 as compensation to the complainant. Both men were bound over in personal bonds of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months.

### LAND AUCTION

THREE LOTS IN KOWLOON SOLD

CROWN PROPERTY

Three lots of Crown land in Kowloon were sold by public auction yesterday at the Crown Land Office. The first lot, Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1274, situated between Keelung Street and Maple Street, with an area of about 16,700 square feet, was offered at the upset price of \$25,110. It was finally knocked down to Messrs. Chung Yuk-hing and Chiu Lung, whose address is No. 17, Mow Lam Street, Yau-mati, for \$30,010.

The second lot, new Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1275, is situated at the junction of Apiti Street and Wong Chuk Street, Shamshui. At \$8,940, representing an increase of \$1,500 over the upset price, the property went to Messrs. Kong Wong and Kong Kai-sun, of No. 1, Wong Chuk Street, Shamshui. The site measures a little short of 5,000 square feet.

A sum of \$15,500 was paid for the last parcel, registered as New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1276, and adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1255, at Cheung Sha Wan Road. It has an area of a little over 6,000 square feet. The property was sold to Mr. Chung Chung-shan, who lives at No. 77, Litchikok Road.

### P'RAPS — P'RAPS NOT !

"Jack is such a handy boy, you know. He can bang nails into wood like lightning."

"How splendid!"

"Yes, lightning seldom strikes in the same place twice."

"I use no trunks," the salesman replied.

"Oh, I thought you wuz one of these travelling salesmen," said the porter.

"I am, but I would like you to know that I sell brains."

"Well, you are the first travelling fellow I seen this season who ain't carryin' no samples."

"Did you notice that lovely girl in that brown dress waiting in the lobby?" he asked his wife as they took their seats in the theatre.

"What? That frowsy thing with the false puffs, enamelled face, gold teeth, made-over dress, imitation mink furs, and torn gloves? No, indeed. I didn't notice her. Why?"

The host coughed gently. "Penzance!" he suggested.

"Please, ma'am," said a little girl to the woman who lived next door, "mother wants to know if you will lend her your gramophone this afternoon."

"What an extraordinary request! Is she going to give a dance?"

"No, ma'am. We're tired of dancing to it. She wants to keep it quiet for a couple of hours so that baby can sleep!"

Tammas Gordon wasn't feeling his usual, so he went to consult his doctor. The doctor examined him and found nothing wrong.

"That's strange," said Tammas. "I can't sleep at nights."

"What you need," replied the doctor, "is a little change."

"Mon," replied Tammas, "ye've hit the nail on the head. Could you lend me a few pounds; it's my accounts that worry me."

"Did you suffer much from the floods, Mr. Ganes?" asked a kindly neighbour of the elderly farmer.

"I should say I did," was the reply. "Why, I was shut up in the house with the missus for nearly a week."

The village football team were giving their annual dance. One of the backs, a large and lumbering person, was no dancer, but at last he was persuaded to take a partner on the floor.

He shambled round in a shamefaced fashion and finally stumbled heavily, bringing his partner with a crash to the ground.

Immediately there arose a concerted shout of "penalty."

"Oh, George, dear," she whispered when he slipped the engagement ring on her tapering finger, "how sweet of you to remember just the sort of stone I preferred! None of the others was ever so thoughtful!"

George was staggered for a moment. Then he came back with: "Not at all, dear; you overrate me. This is the one I've always used."

She was inconsistent enough to cry about it.

A poker enthusiast asked a party of three to his house for an evening's play. When the guests had gone the host was appropriately vicious, having dropped a fever.

As he was leaving the room he noticed a silver teaspoon on the carpet. He picked it up and glowered at it.

"I wonder," he muttered, "which of them has a hole in his pocket!"



## PICNIC FOR BLIND.

SIXTY GIRLS TAKEN TO SHEK O

THANKS TO HELPERS

The Committee of St. Peter's Church, V.D.M.A. responsible for the organisation of the picnic to the blind held on Saturday, wish to make this public acknowledgment of those who, as follows, either sent donations or helped cars.

Donations	
A. C. Hynde Esq.	\$ 25.00
F. Mason Esq.	10.00
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Mrs. Barker.  
A. S. W. Tickle Esq.  
The Committee is also deeply indebted to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company and the Star Ferry Company for the provision of free transport and also to the Hong Kong Tramways for the offer of a bus which was not required. Thanks are also due to Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co. for presenting a case of soap and to the Flying Squad, Police Reserve for valuable assistance in escorting the party to Shek O and back.

## GEOMETRY IN THE GARDEN

How would you like to study geometry in the garden? How would you like to have a gardener as geometry teacher, one who would say, "We shall now go into the garden to study poetic pentagons." This would be the lesson: Poetic pentagons grow on the annual phlox. The sides of the pentagon are formed by the edges of the petals, invariably five in number. Measure them with your eye. The radii are the lines that meet in the centre, but this centre is concealed by a charming pattern, a little star whose rays shoot into the petals, a most exquisite combination of line and colour. The centre is sunken, luminous chamber—what can enter but the bee's slim tongue, and the butterfly's? See how the edge of the petals is finely waved,—oh, so finely, and the corners, otherwise the angles, rounded. Moreover, the edges which mark the radii overlap one another so as to hide the bare straight line to the centre. Is it not sweet? Look at it again. The middle points of the sides mark the corners of the pentagons; the edges, the radii; the sweet window in the centre glows with a faint, golden, stained-glass softness. Moreover, the flower-pentagon is pink with a white and pink star, or mauve with a white one; each with a differing colour about the centre, to mark it distinctly. It is plain that nature does not care for unadorned geometry. With her vast volume of illustrated polygons, circles, spheres, ever before her eyes, why should we study gaunt outlines on a blackboard, or in a textbook, merely?

The next lesson will be on circles, and the class will assemble about the daisy bed. Shasta daisies with upturned faces repeat the theme of circle with flutings and ruffings around the edges. The numerous petals emphasize the idea of radii even better than the phlox. The big yellow button into which the radii, otherwise the petals, are set, could not be anything but centre. If the lines of the edges were continued, you can readily see that they would meet in the exact centre of the yellow button. Geometric circles are the basic pattern of moon-faced daisies.

And then, geometry-gardener says we shall go into the orchard to study spheres. They may be found on the fruit trees, and if they are ripe, we may also taste them, so as to have a pleasing memory of the taste of spheres. Observe the wonderful symmetry of these growing spheres, slightly flattened at one end, slightly pointed at the other. How kindly the hand takes to the rounded shape of these fruits, curving about them so easily. There are innumerable spheres all about

## CLUB AIRCRAFT

RENEWAL OF AIR MINISTER'S CERTIFICATE

AIR WORTHINESS

It is now nearly three years since the British Corporation Register of Shipping and Aircraft altered its name and constitution to undertake the classification of the latter, although it was obvious that the proposition was somewhat ahead of the commercial development of aviation at that time. An Aviation Committee was, however, formed, and the nucleus of an inspection staff was collected, both having their headquarters in London. As a result of the foresight then displayed, we understand that the Air Council has recently authorised the Corporation to carry out the inspection of privately-owned and club aircraft in connection with the renewal of the Air Ministry's Certificates of Airworthiness. In addition to the inspection for the Airworthiness Certificate, the Corporation is prepared to undertake a quarterly inspection of the class of aircraft referred to, and has issued rules for the inspection and maintenance of classed aircraft which should be of considerable value to the private owner and will, doubtless, in due course, be advantageous from the point of view of insurance. The inspection system of the Corporation is being organised throughout, and will ultimately cover the whole of the British Empire and arrangements have also been made whereby the Aircraft Classification Societies of the United States, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, and Japan will place the services of their aeronautical inspectors at the disposal of owners whose aircraft are classed with the Corporation if inspection should be required in any of those countries. For the present, aircraft used in the public transport services is not included in the Corporation's Classification, the machines so employed being already subject to the most rigorous inspection and the highest standard of maintenance by their owners. Mr. M. E. Denny, C.B.E., is Chairman of the Aviation Committee of the Corporation, and Mr. T. R. Thomas is principal surveyor and secretary. The offices of the Aircraft Survey District of London are at Billiter Buildings, 49, Leadenhall-street, E.C.3.

A travelling man one night found himself obliged to remain in a small town on account of a washout on the railroad caused by the heavy rain, which was still coming down in torrents. The travelling man turned to the waitress with:

"This certainly looks like the flood."

"The what?"

"The flood. You've read about the flood, and the ark landing on Mount Ararat, surely?"

"Yes, Mister," she returned. "I ain't seen a paper for three days."

but they are commonly called apples, or peaches, or plums. Elliptical shapes occur in the apricot, the large plum, the watermelon. Clusters of spheres called grapes hang on vines; others roll about the earth under the name of cantaloupes. All are shaped after a pattern, and though the variations may be many, we shall always find the fundamental concept.

There are other geometrical facts one may learn in a garden. For instance, "A straight line is the shortest distance between two points." Very well, let the bee show you, provided he is going straight home, or the hummingbird after he has finished his sipping; otherwise consider, yourself, whether in going after your trowel you are justified in taking the geometrical rule as your guide athwart the flower bed, or whether you shall demonstrate the reverse of the rule, and go the longer way round.

When we are studying lines, geometry-gardener may show us the perpendicular illustrated by the spider hanging from aloft on his long thread. Let the wind bestirred, and the perpendicular will appear; the horizontal may well be illustrated by the apparent meeting of sea and sky beyond the garden slopes, or the variations be studied in the sky line marking the hill range. Straight lines in a garden may not so readily be achieved, since nature seems to love best the variations on the geometrical themes. However, orderly gardeners aim to have straight lines—they know what they are—and so they stretch a string between pegs at the end of their beanrows-to-be. They manage thereby to maintain at least a tradition of straightness. To make a circular bed, one can easily imitate a compass by means of a string fastened to a peg in the centre, and then going around, and tracing the circle on the ground. No doubt one could also bisect lines in a geometric way, and so keep faith with mathematics.

Intermixed with poetry, mathematics is beautiful. Shown in its relationship to the universe, revealing through and through in the fabrics of nature, it is sublime.

## ROUND THE CINEMAS

MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN SPAIN

IN "ROAD HOUSE"

Excellent screen entertainment is offered in Fox Films "Road House," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day. It is a colourful splendidly told story of modern youth.

"Road House" brings two new players to the screen. Maria Alba, acclaimed the most beautiful girl in Spain, has personality. She has marked ability and promises to make screen history.

The other youngster is Warren Burke, who plays the role of the prodigal son. He gives an excellent performance and is really a find in juvenile ranks.

Lionel Barrymore is cast as the father of the boy, who sees disgrace fall upon his family and himself through his own indiscretion. In this part Barrymore, always the artist, gives one of his most human and sympathetic portrayals to the screen.

"SLAVES OF BEAUTY"

Sparkling youth, the bright lights of Broadway, love among the beauty shops, and the steadfast determination of a woman to find love, are the chief ingredients of "Slaves of Beauty," a Fox Film production which is showing at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow.

This picture is based upon a very human story written by Nina Wilcox Putnam, one of the most observant authors in America. Holmes Herber and Olive Tell have the featured roles.

"TRUE HEAVEN"

Conflict between love and loyalty never was more emphatic nor more dramatic than "True Heaven" which will be shown at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, to-day and to-morrow.

"True Heaven" tells of a young British officer, played by George O'Brien of "Sunrise" fame, and a beautiful but mysterious girl, "Judith," played by Lois Moran.

They meet, in a strange way, back of the British lines, and romance develops. "True Heaven" is superbly acted, brilliantly directed and sumptuously produced.

ROADS IN KENYA

In Kenya nearly all the heavy transport, other than by rail and outside the main towns, of course, is done by bullock wagon of the South African type, the result being that the country routes are always in the most appalling state of disrepair. So serious has this become that it is now common practice to reserve special roads for use by light pneumatic-tired vehicles, prohibiting under severe penalties the use of these by bullock wagons. The authorities realise that good routes and bullock wagon transport are not compatible with one another. In Uganda, on the other hand, bullock wagons cannot be employed on account of the tse-tse fly. This has resulted in a transport development on the lines of light pneumatic-tired lorries, the use of solid tyres being prohibitive on account of their effect upon the roads. As a consequence, we find in Uganda an astonishing network of well-surfaced smooth roadways, which must very greatly contribute to the prosperity of that country. These roadways have little or no foundation as we understand the term in England, and are mostly surfaced with gravel or laterite, but the light pneumatic-tired vehicles which run over them do little damage, even though rain is frequent and the surfaces are generally moist. It has been suggested that the difference in respect of routes in Kenya and Uganda is mainly accounted for by the fact that material for surfacing is available in Uganda and not in Kenya. It is doubtful if this is the case to any appreciable extent, but even so, this would not alter the fact that the roads of Uganda would be cut to pieces in a very short time if bullock wagon transport were employed over them. The bulk of the credit for the good roads and consequent material prosperity of Uganda, is in all probability due to the tse-tse fly.

## PASSENGER LIST

## DEPARTURES

Per A.M. liner "President McKinley" from Hong Kong for San Francisco on September 24:

R. H. Whitfield, Dr. H. Huber, Mrs. G. Miller, P. L. Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. R. Campos, Miss Dolores Campos, Miss Mercedes Campos, Miss Mace Campos, W. E. Antrim, T. J. Korhals, Mrs. Ellen Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McClelland, the Misses M. and E. Soares, Miss E. Carvalho, C. C. Pan, Y. W. Lee, A. Hito, E. S. Kwok, Frank Lee, Mrs. Consuelo dos Remedios, Major P. L. Thomas, Mrs. P. H. Thomas, Mrs. Booth Thomas, E. L. Whitney, C. B. Edmondson, Mrs. V. N. Fernandez, Mrs. Edward Fernandez, Miss Josephine Fernandez, Miss J. J. Lardizabal, Mrs. R. P. Strong, Mrs. S. L. Smith, Miss M. E. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Raymond, Shalini, Mrs. N. Adair, Miss E. M. Adair, Miss L. M. Cruz, Miss F. Cruz.

The will of Mr. Michael Rogers Oldfield Thomas, who left £22,613, contains a gift of £1,000 to provide a light passenger lift at the Natural History Museum South Kensington for the use of the staff. Other bequests include one of £3,000 to the London Hospital.

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Road House."

To-day—World Theatre; "Grandma's Boy," and "The Adventurer." (Continuous performance from 1.15 to 11.15 p.m.)

To-day—Star Theatre; "Slaves of Beauty."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Love Me And The World Is Mine," at 5.15 and 9.15 p.m., "The Unconquerable" (Chinese picture at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m., (added attraction, Nina and Jacques, at 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.).

To-day—Forbes Russell Comedy Co., in "Her Cardboard Lover," at Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Oct. 21—Nelson Day Concert at Lee Theatre, 9 p.m.

Home Mail

To-day—Outward for America and ports and Europe via Vancouver ("Empress of France"), 5 p.m.

Meetings

Sept. 26—Meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association (general committee) at "S.C.M. Post" Board Room, 5.15 p.m.

Sept. 27—Kowloon Cricket Club meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Sept. 27—St. Andrew's Society meeting at City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

Sport

Sept. 29—St. John Ambulance Brigade aquatic sports, King's College bath, 10 a.m.

Miscellaneous

To-day—Seventh general meeting of the University Art Assn., in the Union Assembly Room, 8.30 p.m.

Sept. 27—In the Great Hall of the University, Lecture on "The Development of Aviation in China," 8.30 p.m.

STEEL SLEEPERS

DISADVANTAGES WHICH HAVE TO BE OVERCOME

There are 52,000 miles of railway track on the railway systems of Great Britain, the upkeep of which costs over £12,000,000 per annum. This track consists of the rails, the cast-iron chairs on which the rails rest, and the sleepers which support the rails and chair and transmit the weight of the trains to the ballast or road bed. The track undergoes constant inspection, repair, and renewal by gangs of men, which each have a definite length to look after. Prior to the war it was generally agreed that for British railway requirements sleepers cut from Baltic redwood fir, which was easily obtainable at a reasonable price, were the most satisfactory. Sleepers are usually 8ft. 6in. long by 10in. wide and 5in. deep. Since the war the cost of timber has increased, and close attention has been given by railway engineers to the question of adopting sleepers made from materials which can be produced in Britain. As some 4,000,000 are used annually, sleepers of British steel would materially assist the iron and steel industry, which has been severely depressed in recent years. In addition to steel sleepers, reinforced concrete sleepers and reinforced concrete slabs, held together by transverse steel ties, have been tried. Up to the present the best alternative to the wooden sleeper seems to be one made of steel of approximately the same length and breadth as the timber sleeper, but hollow and like an inverted trough in form. The steel sleeper has certain disadvantages which have yet to be overcome. It acts as a conductor, for example, and cannot be made use of where track circuiting is installed. It is liable to corrosion in certain industrial areas and when laid on slag ballast, and noise and vibration are said to be increased by its use.

The Chief Scout, who has chosen the title of Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, following the conferment of a peerage upon him by the King, was presented with a motor-car, his portrait in oils, an illuminated address, and a check for £2,750, subscribed for in penny donations by boy scouts throughout the world.

Mr. Compton sent a wire to Mr. MacDonald, inviting him to Manchester to help in reconciling the parties. The Premier replied that he would not immediately visit Manchester.

Mr. Frederick J. Wilcoxson, the sculptor of the statue of Dr. Luke Yew erected at his tomb near Kuala Lumpur, and of the sculpture on the Raja Brooke memorial, Sarawak, arrived in Kuala Lumpur recently and went onto Singapore. He will, however, be visiting Kuala Lumpur again in the course of a few days. Mr. Wilcoxson recently executed a silver shield for His Majesty the King and one of his latest works is a marble bust of the Prime Minister.

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I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I am not responsible for any debts incurred by my wife CHRISTALINA DE OLIVEIRA MATTOS, as from the 12th day of August, 1929.

JOSE DE OLIVEIRA MATTOS.

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN TO JAVA

It is reported that Mr. R. O. Bishop, M.B.E., is shortly joining the staff of the Rubber Research Institute, Malaya.

Chinese press telegrams from Tientsin carry the news that the authorities of the various concessions there are taking steps to suppress opium.

Mr. Wang King-kyi, former Minister to Belgium, at Shanghai, and now high adviser to the Walchiaopu, and Mrs. Wang, have gone to Hangchow for a short time.

Mr. Chang Cho-ao, director of reconstruction for the Shanghai District, has been transferred to a similar post in Tsingpuo and Mr. Wu Wen-hua has succeeded him.

Dr. F. K. Chan, brother of Tan Tji-kong and Tan Khoo-kong, has arrived from Europe by the s.s. "P. C. Hoof." He will make a short stay in Singapore before proceeding to China.

Admiral Yang Shu-tsung, Minister of Navy and chairman of the Fukien Provincial Government, is expected to return to Shanghai from Foochow at the end of this month.

Messrs. Kiang Hsiao-fan and Feng Panyung, graduates, respectively, of the University of Nanking and the Great China University, has left for America to continue their studies.

Miss Hsia Chia-yung, a graduate of the McTearle Girls' School music department, has been appointed music instructor in the Moore Memorial School and the Hsin Hua Art College.

Mr. Yang Wei-yu, assistant director of the Vocational Educational Association, and Mr. Wang Chih-hua, a well-known educator, have left for Japan on a three months' investigation tour.

It is understood that Rev. Father Goyenhache of St. Michael's Church, Ipoh, who went home to France last year in very poor health in consequence of serious wounds he received in the War, hopes to return to Ipoh shortly.

An interesting visitor in Shanghai at the present time is Mrs. John C. Carr, of London, Mrs. Carr, who is a sister-in-law of Dr. Harold Balme, former president of the Shantung Christian University, is a member of the Board of Governors of that institution and is in China on a short visit.

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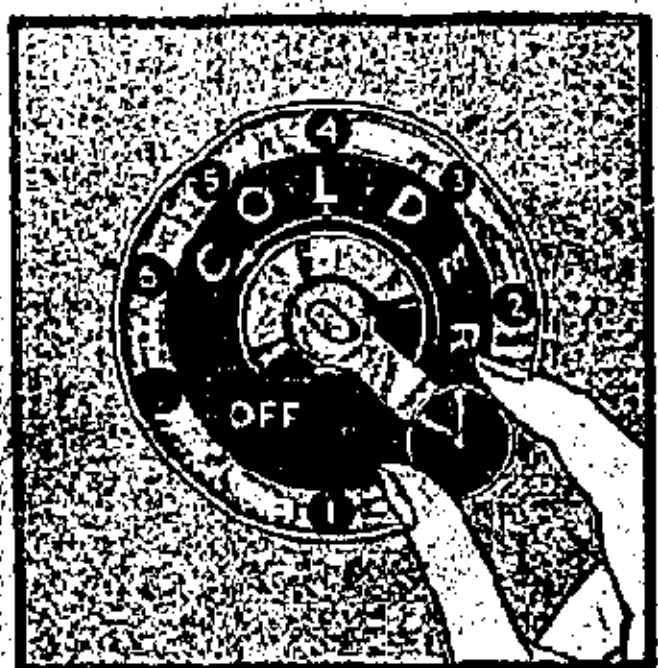
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## COUNCIL DEBATE

(Continued from Page 5.)

vide in next year's estimates for the construction of another section also, namely, that which branches off from the Tai-po road near the head of Tide Cove, and crosses to a small promontory at the site of the old Shatin police station. The new road at this point will be a causeway, similar to that with which members of this Council are well acquainted near Tai-po; and it will require a very large area of flat land, eminently suitable for recreation purposes. This area could be approached, not only by the Tai-po road, but also by the railway, which already has a station at Shatin. It would, therefore, be easily and cheaply accessible to Kowloon residents, and it is here that large recreation grounds could be formed, including the golf links, for which the Chinese community is pressing.

"Peak" on Mainland  
Nothing would have pleased me better than to include a sum in next year's estimates for this section of the work, but unfortunately funds are not now available, and all that the Government presses for at the moment is the construction of the section above Kowloon, which will open up a hill district on the mainland, and for a sum of \$5,000 to be voted by way of supplement this year, for forming a permanent trace of the whole road, as projected. It is most desirable, of course, that the trace should be permanently marked out, in order that the work already done by the engineers of the Public Works Department in connection with this scheme may not be thrown away.

"Most Beautiful"  
Beyond this, however, the Government does not propose to go at the present time, and whether further sections can be built in future years will depend in part upon the recommendations of the Recreation Grounds Committee, of which my honourable friend, the Colonial Secretary, is Chairman and on which many members of this Council have a seat, and also on the money which can be made available by this Colony for Public Works Extraordinary. Before closing my remarks upon this subject, I should like to express my concurrence in what has been said about this road by the honourable Mr. Bruce. I am very familiar with the whole of the proposed trace of this circular road, and I have no hesitation in saying that it will be, when completed in years to come, the most beautiful road in this Colony—would even say the most beautiful road with which I am acquainted in any part of the world.

Quarry Bay  
The Unofficial Members of this Council have urged upon my Government the necessity for pressing on with the construction of the new 100-foot road between Causeway Bay and Quarry Bay. It is the settled policy of the Government to complete this road, and I hope very much that it may be possible in the Budget for 1931 to provide the full sum estimated to be necessary for that work, namely \$35,000. There is, however, an advantage in doing this work piecemeal. Once begun, it should be finished off, and the full amount necessary should be made available. It is not possible to allocate so large a sum from Public Works Extraordinary for this single work next year, and I consider that the public interest will be better served by completing the Taihang road, the road connecting Garden-road, Bowen-road and May-road, the widening of May-road from the tram station to Conduit-road, and the strengthening and improvement of various roads on the mainland, as provided for in next year's estimates.

Shaukiwan  
I may explain that the scheme for a 100-foot road from Arsenal-street to Shau-ki-wan Main-street is one of considerable magnitude. The total length of the road will be 4½ miles, of which 2½ miles have already been completed. Two further sections, each 600 yards long, between Causeway Bay and North Point, have been partly completed for half their width, but are not yet surfaced. There are also provided in next year's estimates sums of \$100,000 for re-alignment of the road-way between Great George-street and Causeway Bay, and of \$15,000, being half of the expenditure on the 70-foot road opposite Marine Lot 430 and 431 in the road from Causeway Bay to Quarry Bay. Both these works form part of the project for carrying a 100 foot road from the centre of Victoria city to Shau-ki-wan. More than this cannot I fear be done next year, unless there should be such an increase in our estimated revenue as might justify me in proposing a supplementary vote for the purpose.

The University  
Both as Governor of the Colony and as Chancellor of the Hong Kong University, I welcome the remarks made by the Hon. Mr. Shenton on the subject of the University. I fully agree with him that the University serves a most useful purpose, not only as an educating factor, but in providing the Colony with useful citizens. I very much hope that both the Hong Kong Government and the commercial concerns of this Colony will avail themselves more and more each year of the facilities which our University provides, and that they will assign an increasing number of positions in their service to University graduates. I further agree that the Hong Kong Government should within its means contribute liberally to the support of the University, for the success of the University is bound up with the success and prosperity of the Colony.

Boxer Indemnity  
Every effort has been made and will continue to be made by this Government to secure an allocation of part of the Boxer Indemnity moneys as an endowment of the Hong Kong University, and the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Hornell, who is now on leave in England, is doing what he can to advance this cause. The Hon. the Senior-Chinese Unofficial Member enquired why the grant in aid

## MONEY AND SHARES

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	1/10 3/4
Bank, wire .....	1/10 13/16
Bank, on demand .....	1/10 13/16
Bank, 30 days' sight .....	1/11
Bank, 4 months' sight .....	1/11 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight .....	1/11 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight .....	1/11 3/4
On Paris—	1177 1/2
On demand .....	1177 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight .....	1252 1/2
On Berlin—	—
On demand .....	—
On New York—	46 1/2
On demand .....	46 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight .....	47 1/2
On Bombay—	—
Wire .....	127 1/4
On demand .....	127 1/4
On Calcutta—	—
Wire .....	127 1/4
On demand .....	127 1/4
On Singapore—	—
On demand .....	81 1/4
On Manila—	—
On demand .....	92 1/2
On Shanghai—	—
On demand .....	84 1/4
30 day's sight (private paper) .....	—
On Yokohama—	—
On demand .....	95 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) .....	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) .....	10.15
Silver (per oz.) .....	23 7/16
Rar Silver in Hong Kong .....	3% dis.
Copper Cash .....	Nominal
Copper Cents .....	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest .....	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin .....	25 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Far .....	—

of the University School of Chinese is reduced from \$46,000 to \$40,000 in next year's estimates. The explanation is that the sum of \$46,000 is the estimate of the cost of this school in the fourth year of its working, when a full staff, including a principal, has been appointed, and the full estimate of the cost of this school for next year, as prepared by the University authorities, is only \$40,000. Therefore, this sum only is included. I may here say that the Government attaches great importance to the University School of Chinese and will certainly give it effective support.

Tung Wah Eastern Hospital  
The Chinese members of this Council have asked Government to make a substantial annual grant to the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, of which the foundation stone was laid last year, and which will, I understand, be ready to be opened at the end of next November. No provision for such a grant was made in the draft estimates before the Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital were until very recently in doubt whether funds for the maintenance and working expenses of their new Eastern Branch Hospital could be found. A written assurance has now been given by the Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital on behalf of all the Directors to my Government through the Secretary for Chinese Affairs that they will hand over to their successors a sum of at least \$100,000 specially raised for the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital Fund. I shall, therefore, be willing early in next year to recommend to this Council a supplementary vote of \$250,000 as subsidy to the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital upon the distinct understanding, however, that in the unfortunate event of the Directors at any future time finding themselves unable to carry on for lack of funds, the Eastern Hospital and its management shall be handed over to Government.

Steady Progress  
I remain for me now to thank the Unofficial Members of the Council very sincerely for the patience and attention, with which they have listened to the presentation of the Government's case in connection with the budget, both at the meeting of the 6th inst. and again to-day. I do not myself consider next year's Budget in any way disappointing. On the contrary, I think it shows a steady progress in the Colony's prosperity. We have now completely recovered from the blow dealt us by Bolshevism in 1925. We have re-established friendly relations with the authorities of the Kwangtung province, and I look forward to years of fruitful co-operation between the Hong Kong Government and the Canton Government for mutual benefit to British and Chinese trade. There may be nothing spectacular in next year's Budget; but we have now for the most part overtaken the commitments of the past; and, if the finances of the Colony continue to show elasticity and strength, I have no reason to doubt that we shall be able before long to take up works of considerable magnitude in addition to the very large waterworks, which we propose to construct. (Applause.)

[After the second reading, the Bill was considered (as stated) clause by clause in Committee after which it passed, as it stood, the third reading, and received the assent of His Excellency who thanked members "very sincerely for the provisions of the next financial year"]

## NEW ORDINANCES

## Status and Title of Chief of Police

An Ordinance to amend the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement), 1921, was read a second time yesterday, approved clause by clause in Committee, and then read a third time and passed.

T.T. on London 1/10 3/4

T.T. on Shanghai 85 1/4

## Banks

H.K. Bank .....	\$1245 b
H.K. London Reg. ....	\$131 1/2 n
Chartered Bank .....	\$19 1/2 b
Mercantile A. & B. ....	\$32 n
Mercantile C. ....	\$15 1/4 n
P. & O. Bank .....	—
Bank of East Asia .....	\$90 1/2 n

## Insurances

Canton Insurance .....	\$637 b
Union Insurance .....	\$350 b
North China Insurance .....	\$160 b
Yangtze Insurance .....	\$550 n
China Underwriters .....	\$2 n
China Fire Insurance .....	\$310 b
H.K. Fire Insurance .....	\$760 b

## Shipping

Douglases .....	\$27 1/2 n
H.K. Steamboats .....	\$25 1/2 sa
H.K. Tugs & Lighters .....	—
Indo-China (Prof.) .....	\$46 s
Indo-China (Def.) .....	\$70 s
Shell Transports (old) .....	98/- n
Shell Transports (new) .....	—
Union Waterboats .....	\$22 s

## Mining

Benguets .....	\$3.35 b
Kailan Mining Ad. ....	60/- n
Langkats (comb.) .....	\$16 1/2 b
Langkats (single) .....	\$10 b
Shanghai Explorations .....	\$13 1/4 b
Shanghai Loans .....	\$5 b
Raubus .....	\$9 1/2 n
Tromoh Mines .....	21/- b

## Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c.

H.K. Wharves \$139 b \$139/140 sa	
Shanghai Docks .....	\$148 b
China Providents .....	\$4.70 b
Hongkew .....	\$181 n
New Engineerings .....	\$18 1/2 b

## Cotton Mills

Ewo Cottons .....	\$21.35 n
Shanghai Cottons (old) .....	\$104 n
Shanghai Cottons (new) .....	\$76 n
Zoong Sings .....	\$12 1/2 n

## Lands, Hotels &amp; Buildings

H.K. & S. Hotels .....	\$9.60 b
9 1/2/60 sa	
H.K. Lands .....	\$61 b 6 1/4 sa
Shanghai Lands .....	\$160 n
Humphreys' Estates .....	\$14 1/2 b
H.K. Realities .....	\$7.85 b
Chinese Estates .....	\$98 s
H.K. Territorials .....	—
Prince's Buildings .....	—

## Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways .....	\$18.20 b
18 1/4/30 sa	
Peak Trams (old) .....	\$11.80 n
Peak Trams (new) .....	\$6.05 n
Star Ferries .....	\$67 1/2 b
China Lights (comb.) .....	—
China Lights (old) .....	\$13.15 s 13 sa
China Lights (new) .....	\$12 1/4 b
China Lights 1928 issue .....	—
H.K. Electrics (old) .....	\$62 1/4 b
64 1/4/30 sa	

## H.K. Electrics (new)

Macao Electrics .....	\$23 b
H.K. Telephones .....	\$7.05 b
China Buses .....	\$15 b
Singapore Tractions .....	\$11/- s
Singapore Pref. .....	\$50/- b
Sandakan Lts. ....	\$2 1/2 s

## Industrials

China Sugars .....	95 cts. s
Malabon Sugars .....	\$27 n
Canton Ice .....	\$2 1/2 n
Cements (comb.) .....	\$9.30 b 9.40 sa
Cements (old) .....	\$7.70 b
Cements (new) .....	\$1 1/4 b
H.K. Ropes (old) .....	\$7.35 b
H.K. Ropes (new) .....	—
United Asbestos .....	\$5 b

## Stores, &amp;c.

Dairy Farms .....	\$19 1/4 n
Watsons .....	\$11.90 n
Der A. Wings .....	80 cts. n
Lane Crawfords .....	\$4 1/4 n
Mackintosh .....	\$18 b
Sinceres .....	\$12 n
Wm. Powells .....	\$2 1/2 s

## Miscellaneous

H.K. Amusements .....	\$25 1/4 s
H.K. Constructions .....	\$1.40 s
B. Ind. G.S. Bonds .....	64 1/2% n
H.K. Govt. Loan .....	6 1/2% n prem.
Caldbeck Macgregor: Ord. .....	\$11 b
Caldbeck Macgregor: Pref. .....	\$10 b

## An Ordinance to amend further the

Distress for Rent Ordinance, 1883 was read the first time.

An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1900, was also read for the first time. Speaking in support of his motion thereon, Sir Joseph Knap said, "I venture to hope, from the blow dealt us by Bolshevism in 1925. We have re-established friendly relations with the authorities of the Kwangtung province, and I look forward to years of fruitful co-operation between the Hong Kong Government and the Canton Government for mutual benefit to British and Chinese trade. There may be nothing spectacular in next year's Budget; but we have now for the most part overtaken the commitments of the past; and, if the finances of the Colony continue to show elasticity and strength, I have no reason to doubt that we shall be able before long to take up works of considerable magnitude in addition to the very large waterworks, which we propose to construct. (Applause.)

## Matter of Recruiting

"I may say that the name of the chief officer is to be changed not in order to give him a more high-sounding title but in order to secure uniformity of title with the titles of other officers of similar standing in many of our Crown Colonies. Instances of Colonies where the title 'Inspector-General of Police' is used are Ceylon, Straits Settlements, Jamaica, Trinidad, Mauritius, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Fiji, Barbados and British Guiana. Barbados has a Police Force of 400, about one-fifth of ours; and British Guiana, say a third of ours.

"It is advisable for general reasons to maintain uniformity on this point. There is also a special reason connected with recruiting. Whenever men are joining a service they naturally think of the chances of ultimate promotion and very often they have to judge those chances on insufficient information. It would be very unfortunate if Police Candidates joining the police services of the Crown Colonies in England were to be misled by any inferior sounding title of the head of the Hong Kong Police Force and thereby be induced either to postpone Hong Kong to other Colonies or to refuse Hong Kong altogether. That is the

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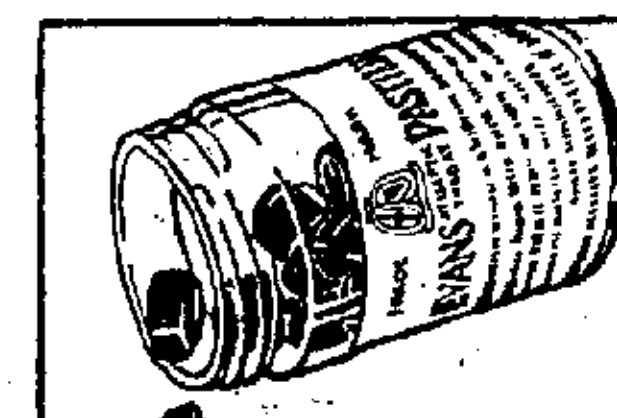
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## Public Works Loan

Several motions having technical relation to the first Public Works Loan of \$5,000,000 raised by the Government of Hong Kong in 1927, which had been left over from a previous meeting, were unanimously adopted. Sir Henry Pollock, who had asked for time for the Unofficial Members to consider the motions, announced that there was no objection. The motions were, as follows:—

## Shing Mun Waterworks

(a) That this Council approves the construction of the works connected with the Shing Mun Valley Water Supply Scheme as set out in Appendix VI. (a), Head 2, Sub-heads 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

(b) That this Council approves of a sum of \$3,500,000 out of the said sum of \$4,158,500.40 being charged to the Public Works (1927) Loan, and further sanctions the expenditure of \$2,221,376.42 actually incurred up to December 31, 1928, the expenditure of \$1,227,123.98 estimated to be incurred during the financial year 1929 and the expenditure of \$95,999.98 estimated to be incurred during the financial year 1930, which three last mentioned sums amount in all to the aforesaid sum of \$3,500,000.

(c) That this Council approves the expenditure of a further sum of \$579,150.61 on the said Shing Mun Valley Water Supply Scheme during the financial year 1930, which sum shall be met from a further loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

## Harbour Development

"That this Council approves the expenditure of a sum of \$419,711.26 on Harbour Development, as set out in Appendix VI. (a), Head 2, Sub-head 1, of the draft Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1930 and authorises this sum to be charged to the Public Works (1927) Loan, and further sanctions the expenditure out of this sum of the sum of \$403,728.88 actually incurred to December 31, 1928, and of the sum of \$16,041.58 estimated to be incurred in the financial year 1929.

(a) That this Council approves the construction of the Kai Tak Aerodrome at an estimated total cost of \$1,689,437, exclusive of contributions from His Majesty's Government as set out in Appendix VI. (a), Head 2,

Sub-head 2, of the draft Estimates of

Expenditure of the year 1930.

(b) That this Council authorises the sum of \$1,689,437 out of the said sum of \$1,689,437 to be charged to the Public Works (1927) Loan and sanctions the expenditure of this sum of \$1,689,437 from loan funds during the financial year 1928.

(c) That this Council authorises in respect of this work an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony of the sum of \$78,114.17 in the financial year 1928, of the sum of \$468,000.00 in the financial year 1929, and the sum of \$249,500.00 in the financial year 1930 of which sums \$297,000.



# Sport Columns

## HOME FOOTBALL

"SPURS" SHARE POINTS WITH MILLWALL

"WOLVES" BEAT HULL

London, Yesterday. Matches played to-day in the principal Football Leagues resulted as follows (home teams mentioned first):—

## ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I.	
Leeds	1 Portsmouth
Division II.	
Chelsea	5 Bury
Tottenham	1 Millwall
Wolverhampton	4 Hull
Division III. (South)	
Walsall	4 Swindon
Division III. (North)	
Chesterfield	1 Tranmere
Doncaster	1 Halifax
Port Vale	2 Crewe

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division I.	
Aberdeen	5 Clyde

## THE LEAGUE TABLES

First Division				Goals.			
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Arsenal	6	5	0	1	17	6	10
Derby	6	4	1	1	13	6	9
Middlesbrough	7	1	4	2	21	12	9
Leeds	7	4	1	2	10	9	9
Birmingham	6	4	0	2	17	11	10
Manchester C.	6	3	1	2	14	13	7
Huddersfield	6	3	1	2	10	11	7
West Ham	7	3	1	3	18	15	7
Wednesday	5	3	0	2	9	5	6
Blackburn	6	2	2	2	13	13	6
Grimsby	6	2	2	2	10	11	6
Burnley	6	2	2	2	11	13	6
Newcastle	7	3	0	4	15	21	6
Liverpool	6	3	0	3	8	13	6
Manchester U.	6	3	0	3	9	13	6
Aston Villa	6	2	1	3	10	15	5
Everton	7	1	3	3	12	12	5
Leicester	6	1	2	3	12	14	4
Sheffield U.	6	1	2	3	13	16	4
Bolton	6	1	2	3	8	11	4
Sunderland	5	1	1	3	6	9	3
Portsmouth	7	0	3	4	1	11	3

## Second Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Oldham	6	5	1	0	14	11
Reading	7	4	1	2	12	8
Hull	7	4	1	2	10	10
Chelsea	6	4	0	2	15	11
Cardiff	7	3	2	2	10	8
Bristol C.	7	3	2	2	16	8
Wolves	7	3	2	2	15	13
Blackpool	6	4	0	2	17	16
West Brom.	6	3	1	2	18	11
Charlton	6	3	1	2	15	12
Notts Cntry.	7	3	1	3	10	9
Stoke	6	3	1	2	12	13
Bradford	6	3	1	2	13	14
Sheff. Wed.	7	3	1	3	16	17
Tottenham	6	2	2	2	13	11
Bury	6	2	2	2	13	15
Bradford C.	6	2	1	3	6	11
Swansea	7	1	2	4	10	11
Barnsley	6	1	2	2	12	14
Preston N.E.	7	1	1	5	9	15
Millwall	7	0	2	5	11	2
Notts Forest	6	0	2	4	6	17

## Division III. (South)

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Southend	6	5	0	1	15	11
Coventry	7	5	0	2	16	12
Plymouth	6	4	2	0	16	12
N'hampton	7	5	0	2	10	10
Bournemouth	7	4	1	2	19	11
Brentford	6	3	2	1	15	7
Fulham	6	3	2	1	10	8
Brighton	6	3	2	1	12	10
Walsall	8	3	1	4	15	12
Luton	7	2	3	2	11	7
Queen's P.R.	7	2	3	2	8	10
Swindon	8	2	2	4	14	17
Norwich	7	2	2	3	12	15
Crystal Pal.	7	2	1	4	11	5
Clapton O.	6	1	3	2	7	5
Newport	6	2	1	3	5	10
Bristol R.	6	1	2	3	7	10
Watford	6	2	0	4	7	10
Exeter	7	1	2	4	5	11
Gillingham	7	2	0	5	11	4
Torquay	6	1	2	3	4	12
Merthyr	6	1	2	3	4	12

## Division III. (North)

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Port Vale	8	7	0	1	23	5
Stockport	6	4	2	0	22	5
Darlington	7	4	1	2	21	9
Rochdale	6	4	1	1	12	14
Crewe	6	4	0	2	13	5
Tranmere	7	3	2	2	18	14
S. Shields	6	4	0	2	9	9
Accrington	5	2	3	1	16	11
York	7	2	2	3	11	7
Rotherham	6	3	2	1	12	7
Doncaster	8	3	1	4	8	14
Southport	6	2	2	2	11	12
Lincoln	7	1	4	2	9	11
Carlisle	6	2	1	3	13	13
Chesterfield	6	2	1	3	7	8
Barrow	6	2	0	4	12	18
Wrexham	6	0	4	2	12	11
Hartlepool	6	0	4	2	5	11
N. Brighton	7	2	0	5	19	4
Wigan	5	1	1	3	7	9
Halifax	8	1	1	6	7	13
Nelson	6	1	1	4	7	10

## Scottish League

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	8	6	1	1	14	3
Aberdeen	8	5	1	1	24	15
Kilmarnock	7	5	1	1	15	7
Partick	7	4	1	1	10	9
Hearts	7	4	1	2	14	6
St. Mirren	7	4	1	2	12	9
Celtic	6	4	1	1	12	9
Falkirk	7	3	2	2	10	8
Motherwell	7	3	1	3	11	7
Cowdenbeath	7	3	1	3	7	8
Ayr	7	3	1	3	12	16
Hamilton	7	2	2	3	13	15
Dundee	7	2	2	3	4	8
St. Johnstone	7	2	1	4	11	13
Dundee U.	7	2	1	4	11	17
Queen's P.	8	2	1	5	8	15
Airdrie	7	2	4	5	9	13
Hibernians	7	1	2	4	8	13
Greenock	7	1	1	5	11	19
Glasgow	7	0	2	5	10	18

## MILITARY FOOTBALL

### League Results for Past Week

The following are the results of the Hong Kong Area Football League matches during the week ended September 20:—

C. Co. K.O.S.B.	1	R.A.M.C.	0
C. Co. S.L.I.	1	31st H. Bty. R.A.	4
B. Co. K.O.S.B.	0	H.Q. S.L.I.	1
A. Co. S.L.I.	1	H.Q. K.O.S.B.	4
12th (H) Bty.	2	20th (H) Bty.	0
1 R.A.	1	R.A.	0
B. Co. S.L.I.	3	A. Co. K.O.S.B.	2
R.A.O.C.	2	D. Co. K.O.S.B.	0
D. Co. S.L.I.	1	R.E. & R.C.	0

## League Table

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.E. & R.C.	2	2	0	0	8	1
C. Co. K.O.S.B.	2	2	0	0	4	0
31 (H) Bty. R.A.	2	1	0	1	6	3
H.Q. K.O.S.B.	2	1	0	1	6	3
H.Q. S.L.I.	2	1	0	1	3	2
"D" Co. S.L.I.	2	1	0	1	6	2
"B" Co. K.O.S.B.	2	1	0	1	4	2
"A" Co. S.L.I.	2	1	0	1	4	2
"C" Co. S.L.I.	2	1	0	1	3	2
12 (H) Bty. R.A.	2	1	0	1	3	2
R.A.O.C.	2	1	0	1	2	2
"D" Co. K.O.S.B.	2	0	1	2	4	1
"A" Co. K.O.S.B.	2	0	1	2	4	0
20 (H) Bty. R.A.	2	0	1	2	3	0
27 Co. R.A.M.C.	1	0	1	0	1	0
R.A.S.C. & R.A.P.C.	1	0	1	0	0	0

## Eastern F.C.

### Match Against Borderers' Band

The following players have been chosen to represent the Eastern Football Club in a friendly football game against K.O.S.B. Band to-day at 5.30 p.m. at Munay Barrack Ground:—

J. F. Silva, Lau Hoi-wing, Fung Yiu-wai, Ng Ying-kay, Cheung Yim-nam, Cheung Lap-lan, Li Bing-tong, Chu Bing-fai, S. M. Salleh, M. Sabhan and Lai Thag-choy.
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## howloon F.C.

The following will represent howloon 1st v. Somersets on Kowloon Club Ground to-morrow.

(Kick off 5.15 p.m.):—  
Nicholls, Gillet, Pie, Dowman, Easterbrook, McKelvie, Eastman, Hedley, Pile, Gallaher and Miles.

## WATER POLO

### TWO LEAGUE MATCHES PLAYED

### V.R.C. "A" LEADING.

Two further matches were played yesterday evening in the Water Polo League at the V.R.C. The first game was a tussle between the K.O.S.B. "A" team and the Somersets. The Borderers won by 2 goals to 1.

The second match was between the Chinese "A" and the K.O.S.B. "B" team, and ended in a draw—two goals each.

## League Table

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
V.R.C. "A"	8	8	0	33	2	16
Kowloon "A"	8	7	1	0	27	4
Chinese "B"	7	5	1	0	20	14
V.R.C. "B"	8	5	0	3	29	15
K.O.S.B. "A"	9	4	0	5	14	18
Navy	8	3	1	4	9	20
Somersets	3	0	6	19	21	6
Kowloon "B"	8	1	1	6	32	8
Chinese "A"	8	1	1	6	9	23
K.O.S.B. "B"	8	0	3	5	27	8

## PHIL SCOTT WINS

### BRITISH HEAVYWEIGHT BEATS CAMPOLO ON POINTS

### WORLD TITLE NEXT?

New York, Yesterday. Phil Scott, the British heavyweight champion, defeated the giant Argentinian, Victorio Campolo, on points in a 10 rounds contest this afternoon. This victory puts Scott in line for the world title—Reuter's American Service.



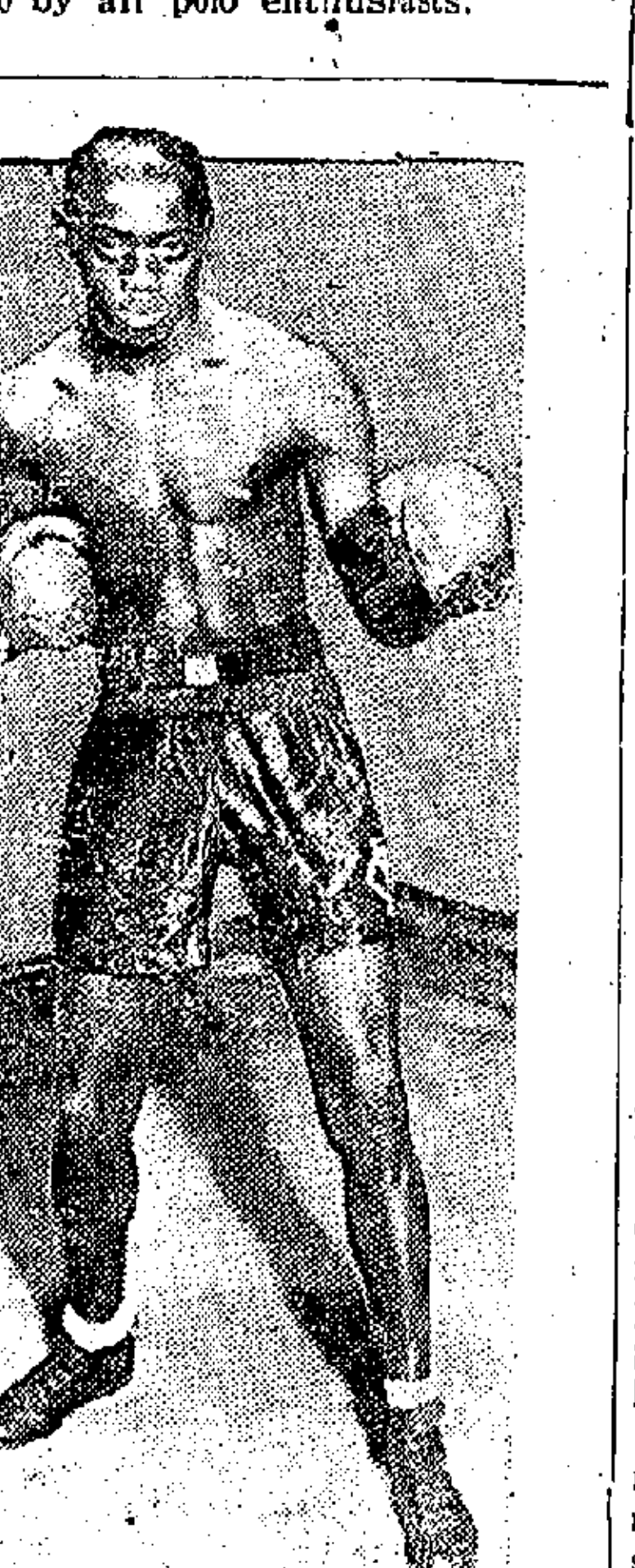
Here we see Al Singer, the Jewish boxing star (left) who has signed to fight "Kid" Chocolate (right) in a twelve-round fight at the Polo grounds. The bout is attracting great interest among followers of the lightweight division, as the men will weigh in at 125 1/4 pounds and both are confident of victory.

## POLO

### LADY STUBBS' CUP CONTEST

### YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Playing in the Lady Stubbs' Polo Cup competition yesterday, the Somersets beat Gunners "2" by seven goals to three. Typhoons beat K.O.S.B. "B", six goals to two. Friday's play will be the final and will be keenly looked forward to by all polo enthusiasts.



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## GOLF

### SHEK O COUNTRY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

### CLOSING DATE

The Fifth Annual Championship of the Club will be held on Sunday, October 20. The competition will be played over 36 holes medal play. Members intending to play should submit their names together with the names of their partners, to the Secretaries Messrs. Thomson & Co., on or before Thursday, October 10.

## NEW PEAK

### REPORTED IN CANADIAN EMPLOYMENT

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Ottawa, Ont., July 31. There were further pronounced increases in Canadian employment at the beginning of July, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, which states that 6,819 firms employed 1,069,700 workers, or 23,109 more than on June 1. This advance, which was rather smaller than that recorded on July 1, 1928, brought the index number to 124.7, as compared with 122.2 in the preceding month, and with 117.7, 109.7, 105.0, 98.0, 97.1, 100.7, 92.2 and 88.6 at the beginning of July in 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923, 1922 and 1921, respectively. The situation continues decidedly more favourable than in any other month of the years since 1920, (when the record was begun) says the Bureau, pointing out that the curve of employment in Canada shows a new high peak at July 1.

Considerable improvement was registered in all industries except manufacturing and logging, which showed seasonal curtailment. The largest gains were reported in construction, transportation and services, but the advances in mining, trade and communications were also noteworthy. The trend was moreover favourable in all provinces, the greatest expansion taking place in the Prairie Provinces and Quebec.

That early application of Sweden's reforestation policy would be made in Northern Ontario was intimated here by Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests of Ontario, on his return recently from a lengthy visit in the British Isles and Europe. Mr. Finlayson said he was convinced that the Swedish system of replanting from seed offers the best solution to the reforestation problem with which the province of Ontario is confronted at the present time. On his resumption of official duties the Minister will recommend to the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Forestry Board the immediate and serious consideration of the Swedish policy in its application to this province.

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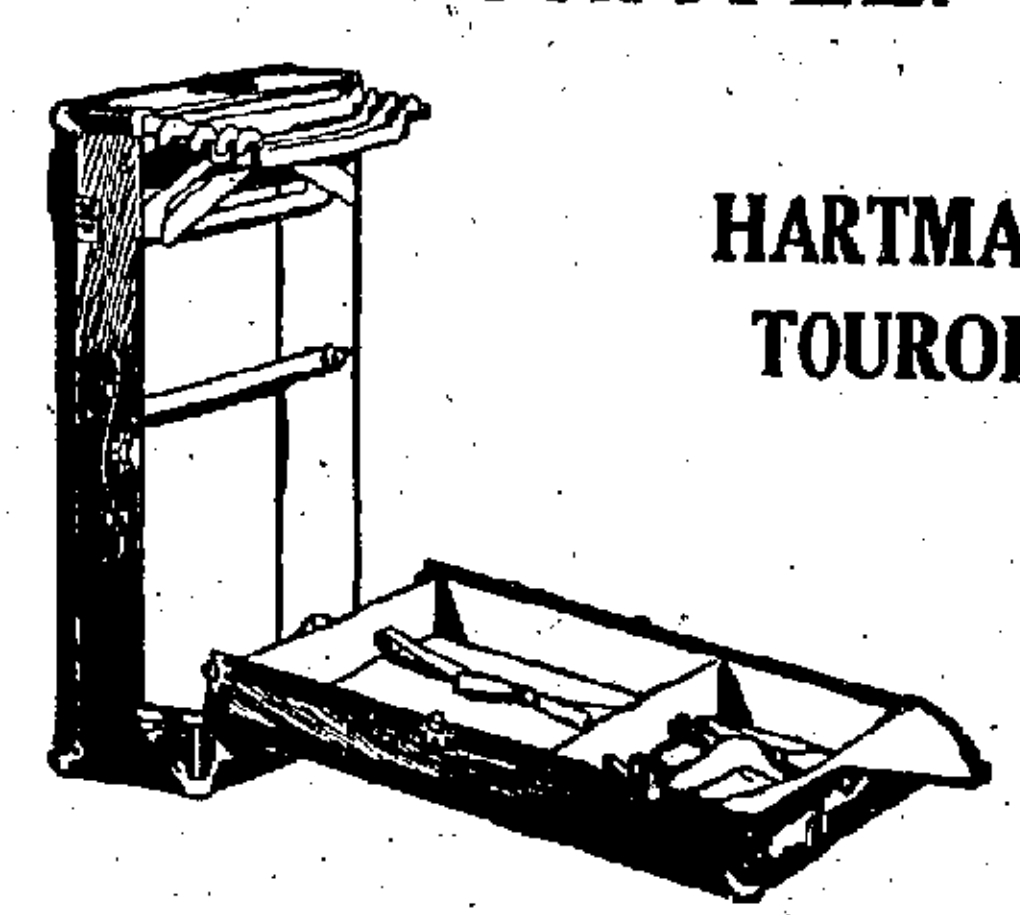
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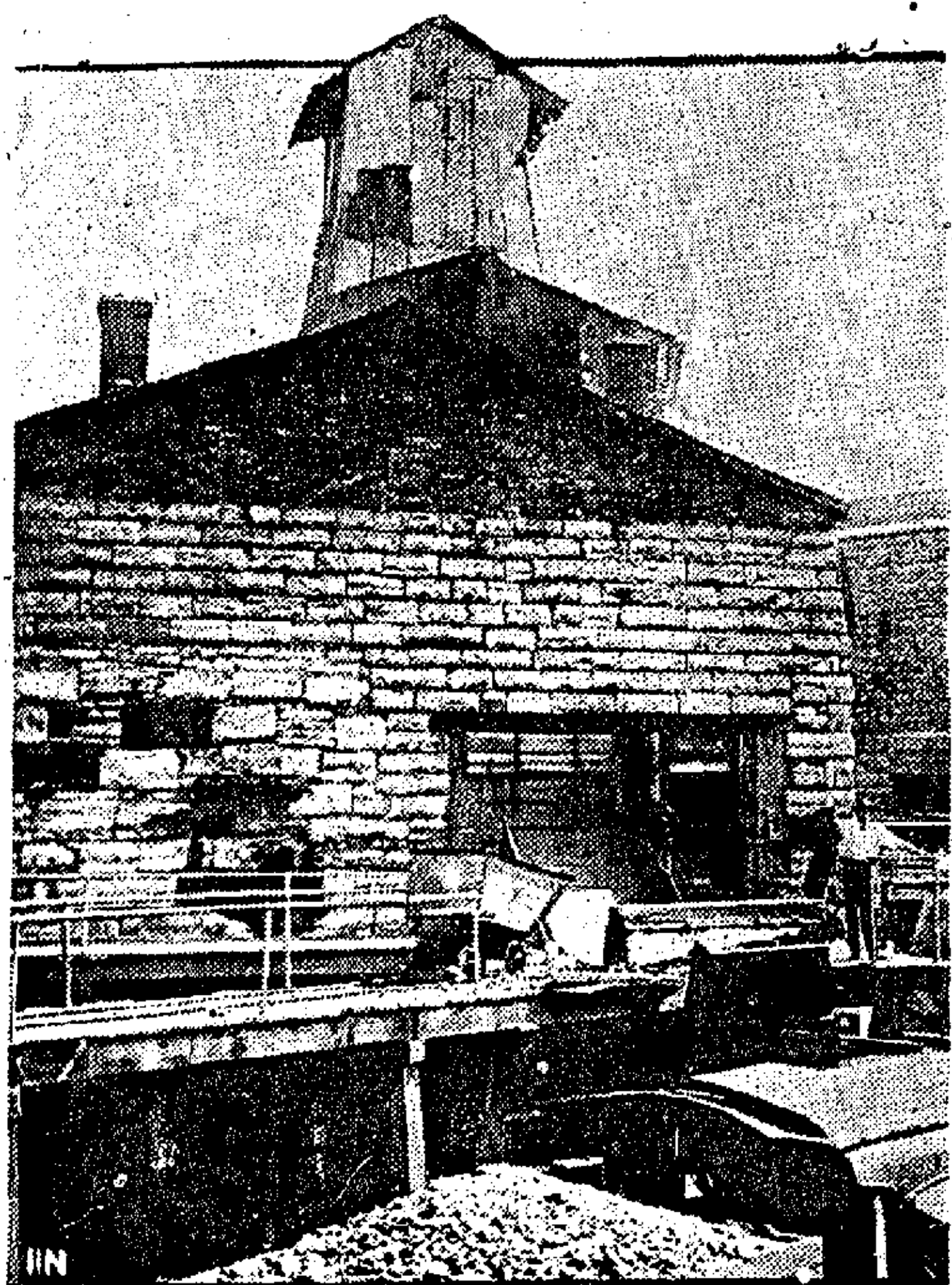
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# World News In Pictures

Two Convicts Slain



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Without A Job



King Otto of Hungary, son of the late Emperor Charles, is a King without a kingdom. Should the Royalists of Hungary regain power, Otto would be declared King. After an exile of many years he is reported to have left Leguitio, Spain, and entered a French school in Paris.

Raskob Beats Cannon



With the nomination of John G. Pollard, top, for Governor, and James H. Price, below, for Lt. Governor of Virginia on the Democratic ticket, the voters defeated the candidate offered by Bishop James Cannon, Jr. Pollard and Price were considered candidates backed by John Raskob, Democratic National Chairman.

Can't Come Out



Speaking from behind the bars of the brig on the "Thuringia," Arthur Buschke, German "Zep" sowaway, bemoaned his harsh fate to two girl friends who went to bid him good-bye. Buschke missed the fame which he admittedly sought to gain by his bold escapade.

Called a G\$200,000 Love Thief



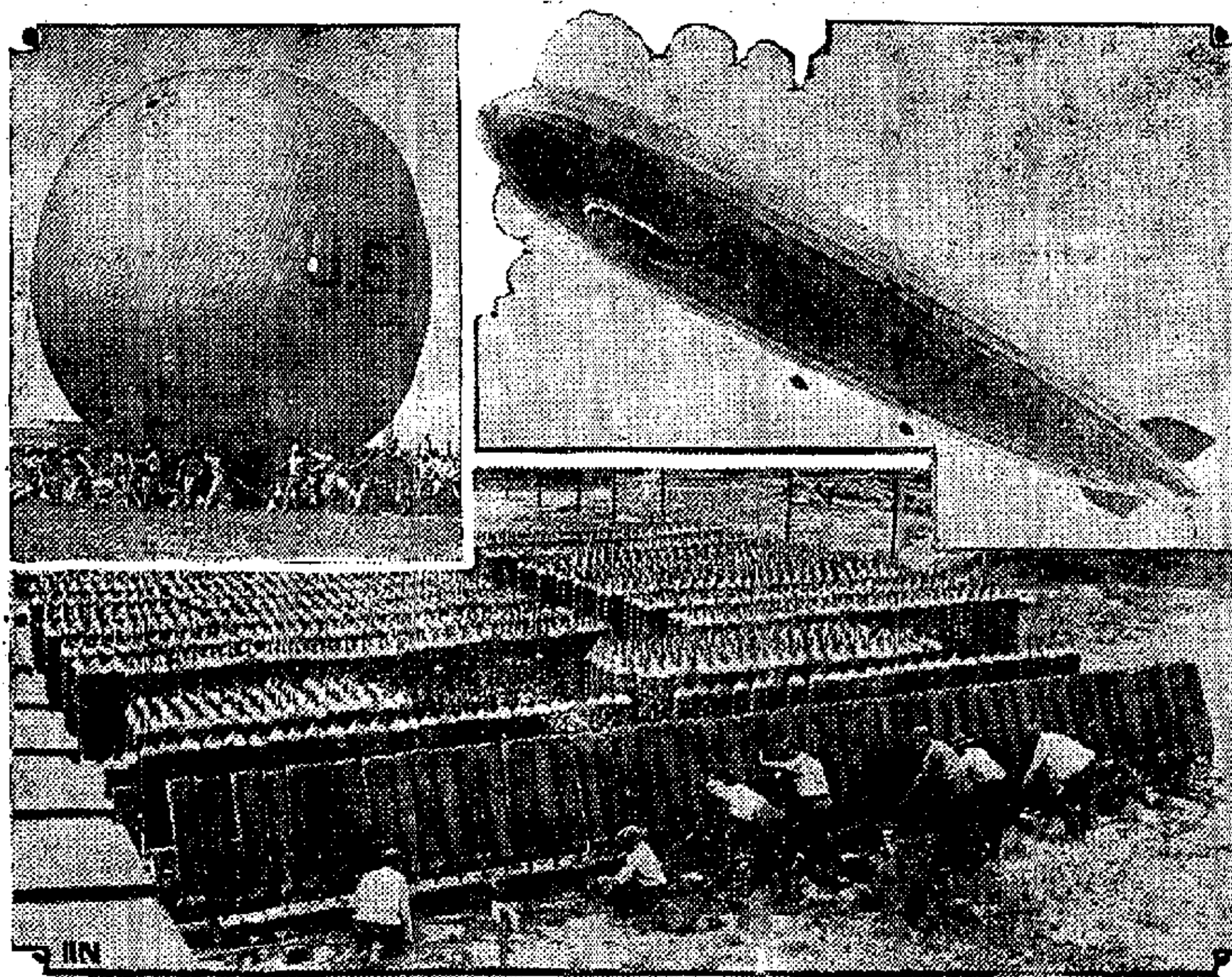
Mrs. Helen Stroud (above), Camden beauty, is being sued for G\$200,000 by Mrs. Florine N. Winkelspecht for the alleged alienation of the affections of Clinton H. Winkelspecht, radio engineer. Case will be heard in New Jersey State Supreme Court.

Kills to Ease Pain



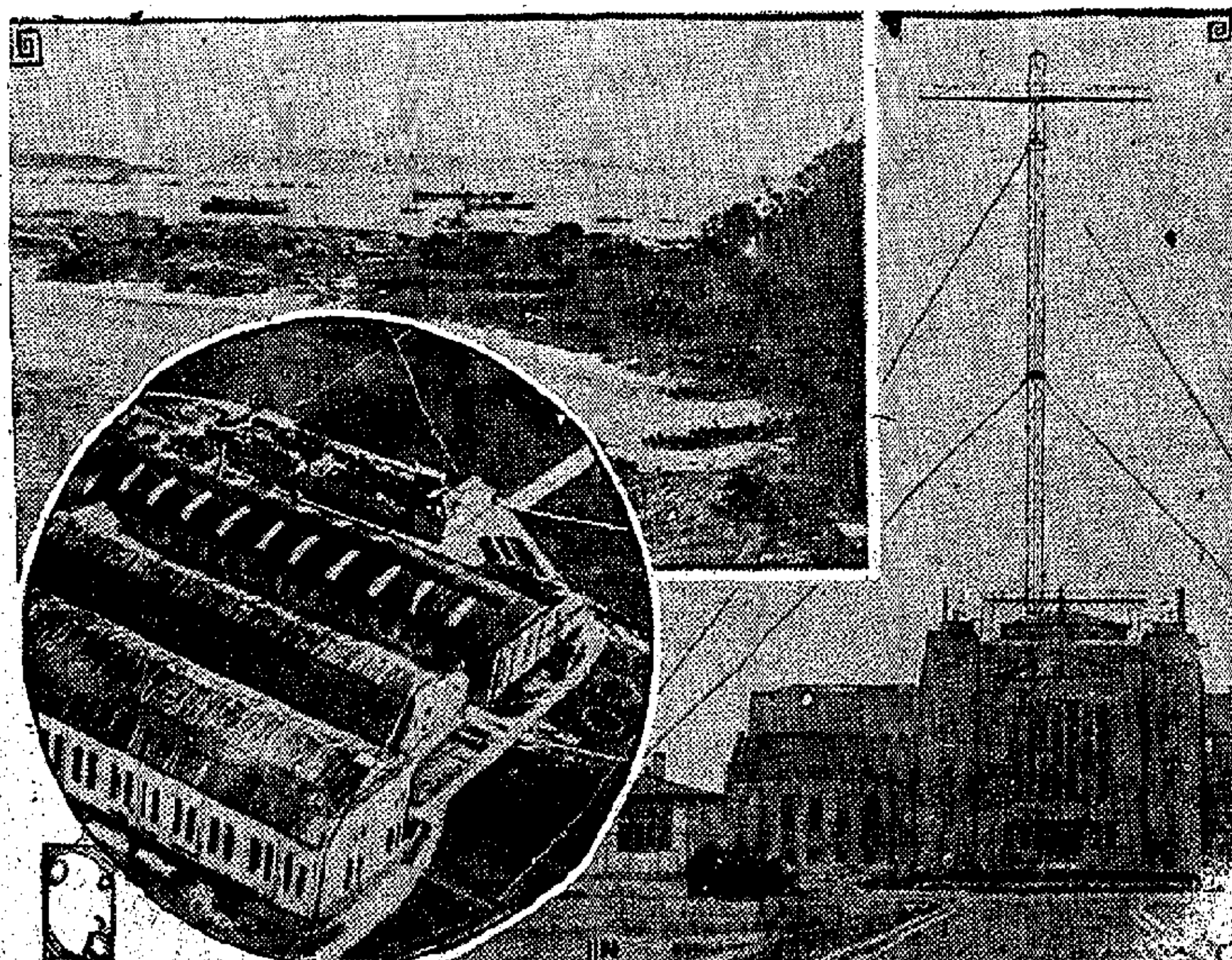
Fred Erb, 75, of Lawrence, Kansas, shot and killed his bed-ridden wife to prevent further suffering on her part. Prompt action on the part of his son-in-law prevented Erb from taking his own life after the shooting.

How the "Zep" Is Fed



The view below shows men working on the ethane gas, formerly known as blaugas, that was used in fuelling the "Graf Zeppelin" as she prepared at Lakehurst for her round-the-world tour. Each bottle contains 163 cubic feet of fuel. A small balloon is filled with the ethane gas, as shown above, then brought into the hangar and the gas pumped into the "Zep's" cells.

Where "Zep" Paused On Tour



In the upper left is shown Kushimoto, the Japanese airport outside Tokyo, where the "Zeppelin" landed during its world tour. Friedrichshafen, lower left, Germany, the home port of the giant "Graf Zeppelin," and the end of the first lap of the world flight on which the airship recently embarked, is ready to welcome the great gray ghost to the Fatherland. To be informed of the movements of the "Graf" the giant wireless station, right, at Nauern, Germany, was in constant communication with the "Graf Zeppelin" throughout its world flight.

Royal Pair to Wed



Princess Marie Jose of Belgium (top) will shortly wed Crown Prince Humbert (below) of Italy, according to apparently authentic information received from Italy. It is understood that the Pope may officiate at the wedding, which will be one of the most brilliant ever witnessed in Europe. Royalty from many countries will attend.

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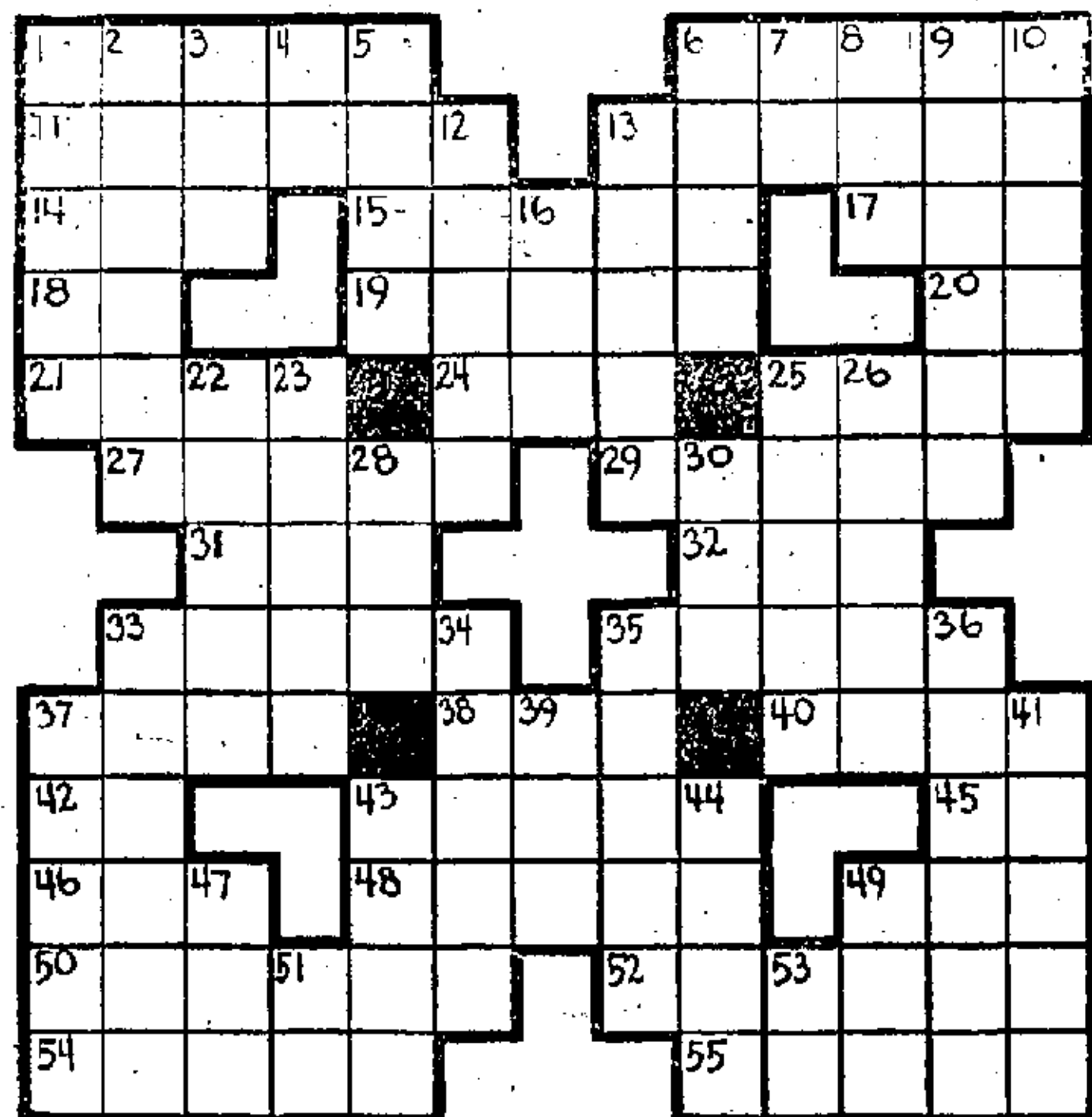
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



### HORIZONTAL

- 1-A plant of the mustard family
- 6-A gliver
- 11-Lake
- 12-Naval
- 14-Prefix. Off
- 15-Bundle of twigs used for fuel
- 17-A vegetable
- 18-Musical note
- 19-Any sphere of action
- 20-Contraction of "I had"
- 21-A noble
- 24-Letter of Greek alphabet
- 25-The hull of a ship
- 27-A wading bird (pl.)
- 28-Deposit at mouth of river
- 31-Extinct bird of New Zealand
- 32-Place
- 33-A man who does woman's work
- 35-To guide one's course
- 37-A fish
- 38-A metric land measure

### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 40-Haul
- 42-Close to
- 43-To cover, as with hanging cloth
- 45-Initials of a famous U. S. president
- 46-Petition
- 48-Irritate
- 49-Low of a cow
- 50-Frightens
- 52-Cowardly (slang)
- 54-Stream of Oblivion (Gr. Myth.)
- 55-Extends over

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 18-Obtain
- 22-Famous American prima donna
- 23-Tumult
- 25-To lose blood
- 26-Fur-bearing animal
- 28-Latitude (abbr.)
- 30-Superlative suffix
- 33-A circus-man's vesting plank
- 34-Tales
- 35-Native East-Indian soldier
- 36-One of the heart-leaves in a tobacco-plant
- 37-Pertaining to the base
- 39-Goddess of sea (Norae Myth.)
- 41-Thrive
- 43-A lady
- 44-Organ of vision
- 47-Consumes
- 49-Member of the Legislative Assembly (abbr.)
- 51-Royal Highlanders (abbr.)
- 53-Lord Provost (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## STANDARD TIME.

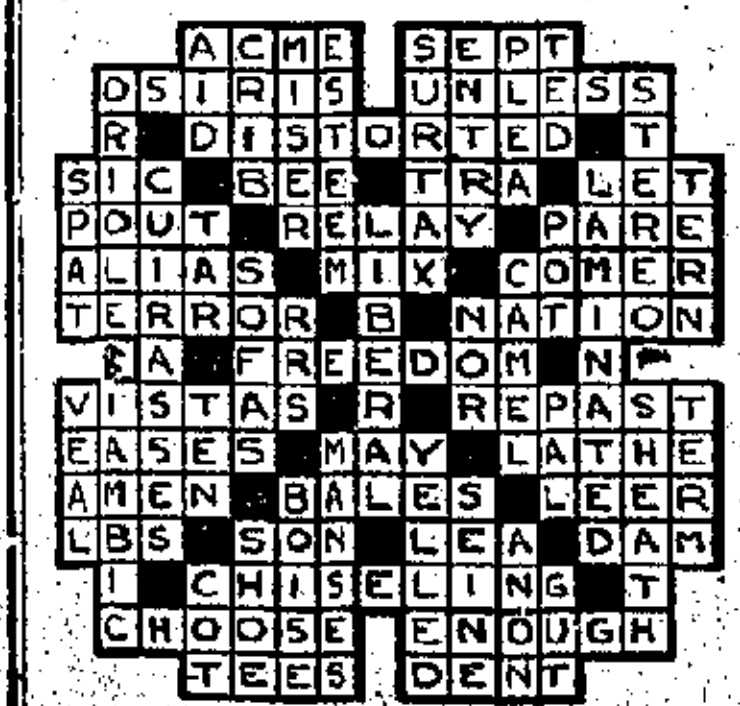
### SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN COLONY

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for Sept. (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

September	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
24	6.12	6.18
25	6.13	6.17
26	6.13	6.16
27	6.14	6.15
28	6.14	6.14
29	6.14	6.13
30	6.14	6.13

A fourteen-seater char-a-banc which had disappeared from London was found abandoned at South Godstone, Surrey. A series of robberies occurred during the week-end.

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



During the hearing of a case at West London, Mr. Bernard Campbell, the magistrate, criticised the methods of a firm of gold refiners and bullion dealers in connection with the purchase by them of articles alleged to have been stolen.

## TO-DAY'S RADIO

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W.

ON 350 METRES

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcast Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

5.30-6.30 p.m. — Programme of Chinese Music.

7.48 p.m. — Evening weather report.

8 p.m. — Evening Programme.

(Victor & H.M.V. Records supplied through the courtesy of S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd.)

"The Girl Friend" (Rodgers), Selection of Savoy Orpheans.

"Fierce" Flares Are Soaring! (Verdi).

"My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" (Saint-Saens), Contralto, Louise Homer.

"Slavonic Dance, No. 1 in G minor", Songs My Mother Taught Me, Violin Solo, Fritz Kreisler.

"Zampa" (Herold), Overture, The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door", Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveller, Ulica Institute Jubilee Singers.

"Come, Let Us Be Joyful" (Strauss), Berlin State Opera Orchestra.

"Album Leaf" (Greig, Op. 28, No. 3), "Capriccio in B minor" (Brahms), Piano Solo, Harold Bauer.

"Madam Butterfly" (Puccini), Selection H.M.V. New Light Symphony Orchestra.

"That's What Puts the 'Sweet' in 'Home, Sweet Home'", "Would a Man Cut Wag Its Tail" (Haines), Comedienne Gracie Fields.

"A Hunting Scene", "Patrol Comique", Victor Salon Orchestra.

"The Evolution of Dixie" (M. L. Lake), Victor Salon Orchestra.

"Fair Maiden of Naples", "Oh! How Can I Forget!", Tenor, Tito Schipa.

"Old Time Songs", Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

"Little Pal", "Why Can't You?", Organ Solo, Jesse Crawford.

"Nocturne" (Chopin), "What Is Done" (Cavillier), Vocal Duet: Winnie Neville and Derek Olshan.

"Plodding Along", "Wake Up! Chillum, Wake Up!" The Revellers.

"La Marseillaise", "Marche Lorraine", La Garde Republicaine Band.

"Even the Bravest Heart" (Gounod), Baritone, Giuseppe De Luca.

"Andantino in G minor", "Choral Song" (Wesley), Organ Solo, Dr. Harold Darke.

"Scanted Song", "Nagasaki", Comedienne Gracie Fields.

"Come Sweet Death" (Bach), "(1) Cradle Song; (2) Sapphic Ode" (Brahms), Soprano, Hulda Lashanska.

Gems from "Follow Thru", Victor Light Opera Company.

10.30 p.m. — Close Down.

## WIRELESS SETS

### HOW TO BLACKEN METAL WORK

There are a number of metal articles which enter into the construction of a wireless set, and which would present a far better appearance if they were made to give a blackened appearance. Articles such as small screws, which are used mainly for securing the panel to brackets, metal supports for components, etc., can very easily be coloured up.

In the case of small wood screws, if the heads of the screws are smeared over slightly with vaseline, and subsequently held in the fire until the screw-head becomes red hot the latter will, on cooling, be found to have acquired a permanent black colouration. Other articles, however, cannot be treated in this manner, mainly on account of their size, and in such cases the following method is recommended.

Procure an ounce of phosphoric acid from a chemist and dilute with a pint of fresh water. Into the diluted acid place an ounce or two of clean iron filings. Immerse in the liquid the articles which are required to be blackened, and stand the vessel containing the liquid in a pan of hot water. Raise the water in the outer pan to near its boiling point, and keep it at that temperature for about thirty minutes. After the lapse of this time remove the metal articles from the bath and wash well in plenty of warm water. They will be found to have acquired a uniform black appearance, and if they are rubbed subsequently with a little oil they will take upon themselves the slightly shiny appearance which is characteristic of gunmetal.

Strong vinegar can be used in place of the phosphoric acid mentioned above, but the black colour obtained by this means is not so good as that derived from the use of phosphoric acid, which incidentally is not an expensive commodity; an ounce of the liquid costing about one shilling.

**To Fill Accumulators.** Some difficulty is frequently experienced in filling small accumulator cells quickly and cleanly without spilling the acid or causing air-

locks at the mouth. This is especially troublesome with such cells as are met in the high-tension accumulator where the opening is usually extremely small and tapering.

By adopting a method used almost universally in the wholesale chemistry world it is possible, at the cost of a few pence, to make a piece of apparatus which is ideal for the purpose. A small glass funnel, a short piece of glass tubing, a short piece of rubber tubing, and a clip is all that is necessary. First of all the glass tubing should be drawn out to form a fairly fine passage by heating in an ordinary gas burner, and when cooled, filed and snapped off, afterwards attaching to the funnel lip. The method of using is to fill the funnel up to the approximate level which corresponds to the capacity of the cell, and by trial and error ascertain the exact volume required, which should be marked with a small strip of gummed paper. Once this is done it is merely a matter of closing



William Dubilier, president of the Dubilier Condenser Corporation of Washington, D. C., won the last round of a long fight to establish his right to collect back royalties from the Radio Corporation of America through a recent decision of the Federal Court. Dubilier is the inventor of the radio parts which eliminate the necessity for storage batteries. He and two other owners of the patents will share \$20,000,000 in back royalties.

ing the clip, filling the funnel to the correct level placing the end in the mouth of the cell, and releasing the clip when the acid automatically rises to the correct level.

When only one or two cells are to be filled this may seem a waste of time and money, but anyone who has the job of filling a 150-volt H.T. accumulator consisting of 75 3oz. cells will readily appreciate the utility of the gadget. A small pipette is also useful for topping up accumulators, and this might be made the next item to be obtained, or, alternatively, you can use your hydrometer quite well for this.

## TELEVISION

### INVENTION ONLY IN ITS INFANCY

With the advent of television in America and on the Continent, many firms are starting feverishly to make the necessary apparatus for attachment to the usual broadcast receiver. Many people will, at this stage, naturally be wondering just exactly what they will be able to see. At the present time, not a great deal. We shall for the next few years be satisfied if we can see clearly silhouettes, letters, designs, diagrams, large print, and so forth; that is, with television broadcast over the usual broadcast channels. For the present

sent we must be satisfied with rather coarse and indistinct details at the receiving side; although a number of broadcasters will, when they start, probably broadcast television on short waves, where the details will have greater clearness, due to the wider frequency channels available. Like all arts, television must pass through a preliminary stage, and, with the experience gained in the first year or two, better results will be achieved.

We all remember when "wireless" first arrived, and when, prior to the advent of broadcasting, all we could get in our headphones was dots and dashes—and these not always clear—rather than actual voices and music. It will be so with television. So it will be considered an excellent result if, on a television receiver, you are able to see good silhouettes, and can read large letters broadcast from the studio.

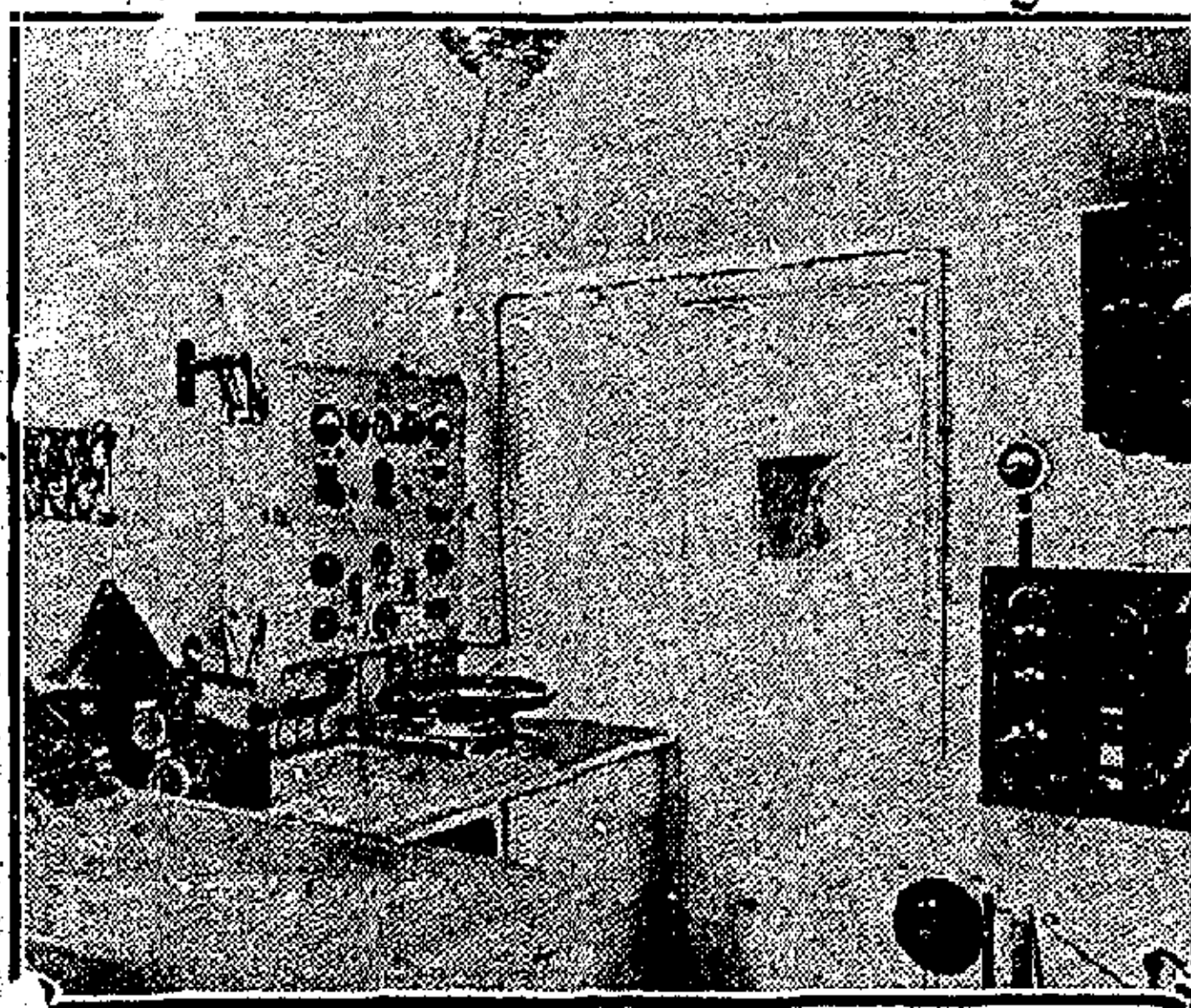
Again, at the present time it is not possible to get simultaneous transmission of voice and television. The procedure runs somewhat like this: The studio announcer will say: "Now we will televise such and such an object." It will take one or two minutes to show the object, and then the voice or sounds from the studio will again be heard in your receiver. In between announcements you will be able to pick up television, but you will not be able to get both simultaneously until an entirely new invention is made. However, with the large number of experimenters that are on the job, it may not be long before a new machine is perfected.

At present, at the receiving end we have a revolving disc, usually made of aluminium, about 14 to 24 inches in diameter, and in it a number of holes. Directly behind the holes is a Neon lamp, which is attached to the ordinary set. If necessary, the impulses coming through your radio receiver may be amplified in order to make the light of the Neon lamp bright enough for receiving purposes. The aluminium disc is rotated by means of a small motor, and the television receiver has a rheostat in series with the field of the motor. By adjusting this rheostat it is possible to keep the rotation of your disc in step with that of the transmitter at the station. Through the holes a picture is built up, and thus is seen what is shown at the studio.

This, at best, is more or less a crude way of doing things, and will not prevail in the future. We would compare the present stage of the revolving disc to the coherer and spark-gap stage of wireless. The ideal television receiver of the future will have no moving parts at all. There will be no motor, or, if there is one, there certainly will not be a large disc, such as is in vogue at the present time. Just what will take the place of this it is of course rather hard to say, but it will probably be in the form of a cathode tube operating a beam in an inducted magnetic field. A scheme such as this would be much easier to keep in synchronism than the present disc, and consequently the picture would be better. At the present time the size of the picture is limited to some few inches square, and it is not possible to reproduce moving articles with any clarity.

However, the important point is that a start has been made, and with the present rate of progress it should not be more than a few years before we are able to get a really practicable television set for ordinary broadcast use.

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List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong (V.P.S.):—M.S. Asia, Taifu Maru, Deli Maru, Hin-sang, Antung, Sphinx, President Polk, Bengal Maru, Warmehar, Hozan Maru, Taihong, Tjikembang, Hosang, Mogami Maru, Francol.

### INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.	
Shanghai and Amoy	Chinhua 24.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.	
Shanghai and Swatow	Sulyang 25.
Swatow	Cremer 25.
Straits	Nellere 25.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.	
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London).	
29th Aug. and parcels, 22nd Aug.	Kalyan 26.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.	
U.S.A. (Seattle, 7th Sept.), Canada, Japan.	
and Shanghai	President Grant 27.
Shanghai	Mantua 27.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.	
Manila	President Jefferson 30.
Straits	Atsuta Maru 30.

### OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.	
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S.	
America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of France (Due Vancouver, B.C., 12th Oct.) Parcels ..... Sept. 24, 3 p.m. Registration ..... 4.15 p.m. Letters ..... 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Empress of France Registration ..... Sept. 24, 5 p.m. Letters ..... 6 p.m. Prominent ..... 3.30 p.m. Kong Ning ..... 4 p.m.
Saigon	
Sam Shui and Wuchow	
Straits, Mombasa, Lourenco Marques, E. & S. Africa and the South American East Coast Ports	Kanagawa Maru ..... 4.30 p.m. President Jefferson ..... 4.30 p.m.
Manila	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.
Hoihow	Kwai Yang ..... 8.30 a.m. Hangsang ..... 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tango Maru (Due Thursday Island, 7th Oct.) Registration ..... Sept. 25, 8.45 a.m. Letters ..... 9.30 a.m. Chenan ..... 3.30 p.m. Nellere Registration ..... Sept. 25, 5 p.m. Letters ..... 5 p.m.
Amoy.	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.
Shanghai	Deli Maru ..... 10.30 a.m. Cremer ..... 10.30 a.m.

\*Subscribed correspondence only.

## LEAGUE AND CHINA

### IMPORTANCE OF PROPOSAL APPRECIATED

#### OBSELETE TREATIES

Geneva, Yesterday.  
In connection with China's proposal regarding obsolete treaties, the sub-committee will submit to a plenary sitting of the first committee to-morrow a resolution appreciating the importance of China's proposal, and declaring that any member of the league may place on the agenda of the Assembly the question whether the Assembly should give advice as contemplated in Article 19 regarding the treaties now considered inapplicable.—Reuter.

## PRIVATE CHARGED

### EVIDENCE OF OLD WOMAN'S DAUGHTER

#### ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT

At the resumption of the case of alleged assault against Privates Thomas McEwen and Harry Shea, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, yesterday afternoon, the injured old woman's daughter, Chan Pui-shan (16), gave evidence.

Chan Pui-shan said that on the night of August 30 she and her mother were sitting at the doorway of their shop at No. 3, Shelley-street. At about 11 p.m., two British soldiers appeared. They swung toward the pavement on which witness and her mother were sitting, and, picking the old woman up, flung her across the street. Her mother did not rise after her fall. Leaving the old woman in the charge of somebody else, witness went after the soldiers in company of a European Police Sergeant. Witness could not suggest any reason for the assault on her mother. The soldiers were finally arrested in Lyndhurst Terrace.

The case was adjourned for a week.

## BAD RECORD

### MOTOR LORRY DRIVER EXCEEDS LIMIT

With a very bad record for speeding, a lorry driver was yesterday charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy, for driving a Sanitary Department lorry over the speed limit in Wuhu-street. Sergt. Scrim said that going along Chatham-road the accused did 25 miles per hour, and when he turned into the control area in Wuhu-street he only reduced to 20 miles. After a long list of previous convictions had been proved, accused was fined \$40.

## SOVIET'S THREAT

### TO RECOVER C. E. RAILWAY BY FORCE

#### TWO MONTHS' ULTIMATUM

Mukden, Yesterday.  
A message from Moscow states that Mr. Karakhan has declared that barring a solution of the pending issue within two months, the Soviet will recover the Chinese Eastern Railway by force.—Reuter.

## MORE ARMS

Yesterday Detective Sergeant Fiches seized two Mauser pistols and 310 rounds of ammunition from a sampan. A boatwoman was arrested.

## HATRY SENSATION

### PRESS DEMANDS STIFFENING OF STOCK EXCHANGE

#### PUBLIC ANXIOUS

London, Yesterday.  
Public anxiety over the Hatry (Photomaton) sensation is shown by the demand of newspapers for a stiffening of Stock Exchange regulations as regards company issues, in order to protect investors; and also the reform of the Stock Exchange Committee itself.

It is pointed out that even the Bank of England lets the public know its official desires and safeguards more readily than the Stock Exchange.

Questions are to be asked in the House of Commons as regards the huge losses of small investors, due to the crash of companies formed during last year's industrial boom. Among the suggestions widely dis-

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#### Degrees

Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day ..... 79.  
Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday ..... 85  
Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day ..... 83  
Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday ..... 76

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cussed are firstly, the appointment of a responsible City Board to control all appeals to the public to purchase stocks and shares; and secondly, the formation of a National Investment Trust, supervised by the State, to protect investors.

#### Clearing the Position

Later.  
A meeting of the Stock Exchange Committee has decided to appoint a sub-committee to examine the clearing sheets of the various Hatry group stocks, with a view to an elucidation of the position.

Brokers will be required to supply the sub-committee with the names of clients for whom they have dealt, and no prices for these stocks are to be made up at present for settlement purposes.

The Stock Exchange to-day opened cautiously, but apart from a number of international stocks reflecting weakness of continental Bourses, the general tone was comparatively steady.

Business is small, and the general inclination is to await further events.

#### Compulsory Liquidation

As a result of the accountant Sir Gilbert Garney's preliminary examination of the Hatry affair, the Board of Corporation and General Securities, Limited, has decided to apply for compulsory liquidation.

Petitions for the compulsory winding up of the Oak Investment Corporation, Ltd., the Austin Friars Trust, Ltd., and the Dundee Trust, Ltd., will also be presented.

The Liverpool Stock Exchange has suspended the local stockbroker firm of Messrs. W. H. Dickinson & Co.

The latter has circularised its clients stating that they placed their affairs voluntarily in the hands of the Liverpool Stock Exchange in "consequence of the troubles of a big financial group."—Reuter.

## CAFE QUARREL

### JAPANESE SOLDIERS ARREST CHINESE POLICE

#### GUARDS FIRED ON

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
A message to the Rengo News Agency states that a quarrel which started between Chinese policemen and a Japanese soldier at a restaurant in Tienling this afternoon, assumed serious dimensions when the Chinese police fired on C.E.R. Railway guards from behind, wounding three. The Japanese garrison rushed a battalion to the Chinese police station, disarmed all the Chinese police, and arrested those responsible for the incident.—Reuter.

## SHIP FLOODED

### S.O.S. FROM HAMBURG-AMERIKA STEAMER

#### CARGO JETTISONED

Colombo, Yesterday.

A wireless from the Hamburg-Amerika s.s. "Hochst," which ran aground off the island of Minicoy on Saturday, while homeward bound from the Far East, reports "Two tanks in the fore part of the ship, and also the fore peak, are full of water. The two lower holds are partly flooded. Rush help. Ship uncontrollable."

The cargo, including rubber and tea, shipped to Colombo is being jettisoned. A tug has gone to assist.—Reuter.

## ARCHBISHOP DEAD

### PASSING OF FRENCH ECCLESIASTIC

#### CARDINAL DUBOIS

Paris, Yesterday.  
The death is announced of Archbishop Cardinal Dubois.—Reuter.

## OPIUM IN BARRACKS

(Continued from Page 1.)

"guilty" to a technical offence with regard to the third charge, and suggested that the other two should be dropped as it could not be proved that accused either had personal custody and possession of the opium, or that he did knowingly or wilfully have it on the junk.

The Magistrate said that the onus was on the accused to prove that he did not have possession or guilty knowledge and unless he went into the witness box to discharge that onus, he would be convicted.

Accused said that the junk arrived at Wuchow from Hong Kong on August 30 and immediately started loading a cargo of manganese ore. Each night he went ashore for "information," leaving his children, the eldest of whom was a girl of 16, to look after the junk.

It was not difficult for the opium to be brought to the junk at night and hidden under the deck planks and then the ore piled over the boards. On this particular trip three of his regular crew were away sick and he had to engage two new men. These absconded as soon as Revenue officers came on board the junk on her arrival here from Wuchow.

#### The Decision

The Magistrate decided that though he did not think this decision would be upset if he convicted the accused on the two counts of possession, because he had not fully discharged the onus, it could be reasonably believed that accused did not know of the presence of the opium on board. Therefore he would be given the benefit of that doubt and discharged.

With regard to the absconding members of the crew, Mr. Grimmit pointed out that on the night of the seizure of the opium, the two new members of the crew did return to the junk. It was the old members who absconded. Subsequently, however, the new men also made themselves scarce.

The Magistrate said, with regard to the third charge, that the accused was guilty of more than a technical offence to which Mr. Lo had pleaded "guilty." As master, he should have taken more precautions than he did. He would be fined \$2,000 or 12 months' hard labour.

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